

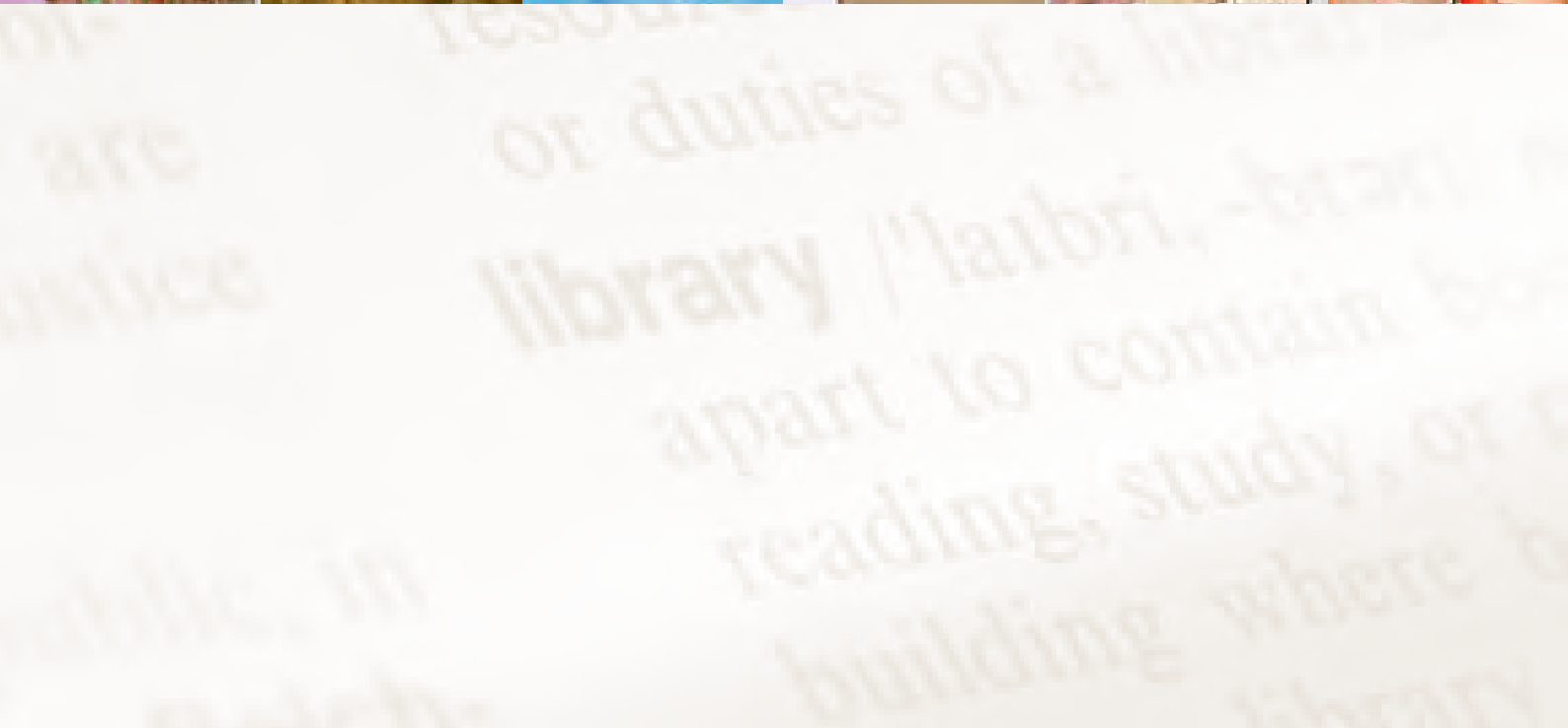
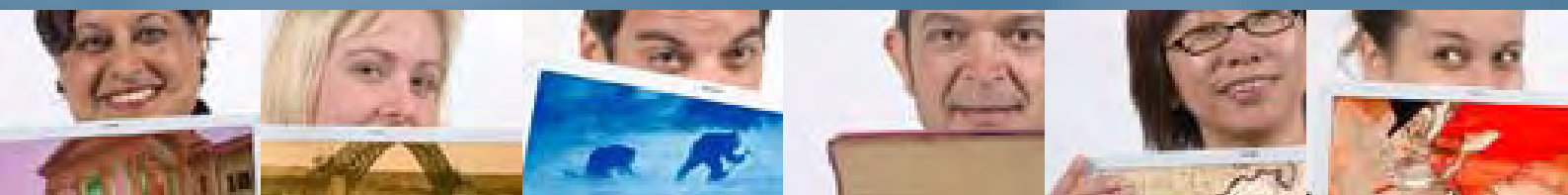


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## our mission

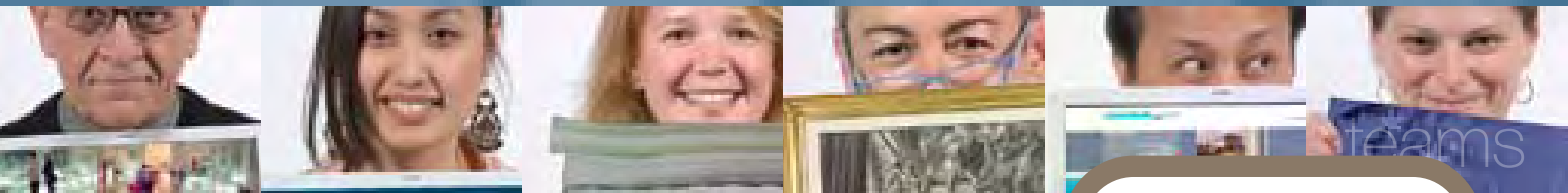
**To promote, provide and maintain  
library and information services**

## our vision

**atmitchell — your gateway  
to Australia's most exciting  
research library**

## our values

**Trusted information provider  
Excellence in service provision  
Commitment to staff**



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# letter of submission |



State Library of New South Wales

From the Office of the State Librarian

October 2006

The Hon. Mr Bob Debus MP  
Attorney General, Minister for the Environment & Minister for the Arts,  
Parliament House, Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Minister

We take pleasure, in accordance with the *Library Act 1939*, in submitting the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Library Council of New South Wales for the year ending 30 June 2006 for presentation to Parliament.

These documents have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Annual Reports (Statutory Bodies) Act 1984*, and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*, as amended.

Submitted on behalf of the Library Council of New South Wales.

Yours sincerely



**Ms Belinda Hutchinson**

President, Library Council of New South Wales



**Ms Lucy Arundell**

Acting State Librarian at 30 June 2006

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# the year in brief

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# corporate results | 2005|06



## Objective

*Provide library services  
for the people of  
New South Wales*

## NSW COMMUNITY

Outcome	Result
<b>Increased access to services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28% increase in requests for website pages</li> <li>• 97% written comments received were appreciative</li> <li>• 117 366 visits to onsite exhibitions, a 10% increase on 2004/05</li> <li>• LIAC services secured by 3-year funding from Public Purpose Fund of the Law Foundation</li> </ul>
<b>Services delivered within time frame</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 95% information inquiries answered</li> <li>• 79% interlibrary loans completed</li> </ul>
<b>Increased access to collections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 567 448 electronic records available for Heritage &amp; current collections</li> <li>• 24 087 pages and pictorial images digitised</li> <li>• 499 web publications preserved</li> <li>• 75 232 live links to e-resources in WEBCAT</li> <li>• 22 603 full-text electronic journal titles held</li> </ul>
<b>Staff skills meet strategic priorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training Plan based on analysis of strategic priorities</li> <li>• 7 611 staff hours spent in formal learning activities</li> <li>• Graduate Librarian Program established</li> </ul>



### Objective

*Collaborate with public libraries through sharing expertise and supporting service excellence*

## NSW PUBLIC LIBRARY NETWORK

Outcome	Result
<b>Shared expertise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 500 responses to inquiries from public librarians</li> <li>• 56% of public library staff attended 56 programs</li> </ul>
<b>Service excellence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet services provided to 157 public libraries</li> <li>• 94 444 multicultural loans provided to public library communities</li> <li>• 103 800 visits to travelling exhibitions at public libraries</li> </ul>

### History & legislation

The State Library of New South Wales is one of the oldest libraries in Australia, with a history tracing back to the establishment of the Australian Subscription Library in 1826.

In 1869 the NSW Government took responsibility for the Library, forming the Sydney Free Public Library, the first truly public library service for the people of NSW. In 1895 the name was changed to the Public Library of New South Wales. It was renamed the State Library of New South Wales in 1975.

The historic Mitchell Wing opened to the public in 1910 after David Scott Mitchell bequeathed his large private collection. Today the Mitchell Wing is linked below ground and by a glass atrium to the contemporary Macquarie Street Wing, opened in 1988.

The Library Council of New South Wales is the governing body of the State Library. The objectives of the Library Council, as defined in section 4A of the *Library Act 1939* (as amended in 1975) are:

- to promote, provide and maintain library and information services for the people of New South Wales through the State Library and through cooperation with local libraries and information agencies
- to advise the Minister, local authorities and, when the Minister so approves, other bodies, on matters of policy and administration relating to library services and information services that are or may be provided through local libraries and other libraries, and
- to advise the Minister on the provision of assistance to local libraries or other libraries.



# corporate results | 2005|06



## STATE LIBRARY PARTNERS & ADVOCATES

Outcome	Result
Engage with atmitchell.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capital Campaign raises total of \$5.2m in pledges</li><li>• Capital Campaign receipts increase by 58% to \$1.1m</li><li>• Library Foundation contribution increases by 85% to \$2.25m</li></ul>
Strengthen personal affiliations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 17% increase in Friends membership</li></ul>

### Guarantee of service

- Timely, relevant and accurate information provided from anywhere in the world to anywhere in the state
- Courteous, friendly and efficient staff
- Requests for information and advice responded to within negotiated deadlines
- Resources held in the State Library's collections are able to be located easily
- Services and resources meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients
- Services and resources meet the needs of clients from non-English speaking backgrounds
- Services and resources meet the needs of clients with disabilities
- Appropriate and well maintained equipment and facilities are available
- Training courses provide participants with appropriate skills
- Fee-based services provide value for money

### Objective

*Create partnership opportunities by engaging with atmitchell and strengthening personal affiliations*



**Objective**

*Meet all legislative and policy requirements*

## NSW GOVERNMENT

Outcome	Result
<b>Continuously improve the management of our resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library Regulation remade 1 September 2005</li> <li>• Returned an operating result within budget</li> <li>• TAM Plan projects completed on target and facilities improved and available 98% of time</li> <li>• Contract established for offsite storage facility</li> <li>• Reader Services alignment integrates onsite services with atmitchell.com</li> <li>• Managers &amp; supervisors trained in staff performance development</li> <li>• Revised IM&amp;T Strategic Plan submitted</li> <li>• 25% of computer network infrastructure upgraded and improved</li> <li>• Standard Operating Environment for PCs implemented</li> <li>• ICT Services Policy developed</li> </ul>
<b>Improve our working environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency &amp; evacuation procedures reviewed and improved</li> <li>• Air quality &amp; light levels tested and improved</li> <li>• Safety of the Library's perimeter and public access points significantly improved</li> <li>• Annual workplace inspection program completed</li> </ul>

## Library Council president's report

Another eventful year has passed at the Library, and, I am pleased to report, much has been achieved

One of the highlights of the year was the further development of [atmitchell.com](http://atmitchell.com), which is central to the Library's strategic direction of increasing community reach and access through electronic service delivery. It has been immensely satisfying to witness the success of this initiative, which allows us to share the treasures of the State Library with anyone who has access to a computer and the Internet. We are proud to recognise our generous sponsors, listed within this report, that have enabled us to provide access to over 60 000 images from the Library's collection, many never seen before. They are now available online through eighteen uniquely Australian journeys. *Aviation, Exploration and Discovery*, and *Indigenous Australians* are just three outstanding examples, with many more journeys planned in the coming year.

The high quality of the [atmitchell.com](http://atmitchell.com) website was recognised with a Standard of Excellence award from the international Web Awards. It was a just reward for the team at the Library who have worked so hard on developing the site, and for the Capital Campaign Committee, led by Graham Bradley, which is raising the vital funds to enable the journeys to 'go live'.



### Above from top

Belinda Hutchinson, President, Library Council of NSW

Farewelling retiring State Librarian Dagmar Schmidmaier AM [centre]

Regina Sutton, newly appointed State Librarian



### Farewell to Dagmar

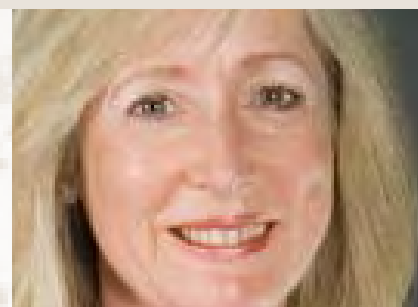
Dagmar Schmidmaier has played a key role in leading the Library in this exciting new direction. Dagmar retired in April of this year after 11 years as State Librarian and Chief Executive. In addition to initiating [atmitchell.com](http://atmitchell.com), Dagmar's legacy includes restoring the Mitchell Library, establishing a funding formula for the collection, and acquiring many outstanding collection items. Dagmar's leadership has enabled the State Library to be recognised as an exciting and dynamic institution which attracts large numbers of supporters and visitors alike. Library Council would like to record our thanks and appreciation for Dagmar's considerable efforts during her time at the Library.

### New State Librarian and revitalising the Corporate Plan

I would like to welcome Regina Sutton as our new State Librarian and Chief Executive. Regina joined the State Library in mid-July 2006 with an impressive leadership track record in a variety of roles for several international organisations within the USA and Greater Asia. She comes to the Library with expertise in the imaging, information management and technology sectors as well as with considerable enthusiasm for what the State Library and its collection have to offer.

Regina will focus initially on conducting a strategic review of the State Library's priorities, which will ultimately result in the

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revitalisation of the Corporate Plan to 2010.

Some of these priorities will include:

- streamlining and simplifying our services to better meet client needs
- further developing our electronic service delivery model, including implementing Stage Two of the atmitchell.com platform
- extending the reach of the collection by exploring new and improved channels of access
- enhancing access to the collection via the ongoing creation of digital records
- ensuring that our collection is stored in optimum conditions via use of a new offsite storage facility
- maintaining our partnership with the public library network.

### **Service improvement**

During the year the Library improved onsite and remote client access to services, the collection and online catalogue information. It did this in a variety of ways:

- creating a client registration facility on our website
- introducing an online application for a Readers Card
- advancing keyword searching to improve access to collection resources
- introducing 'My Loans', an online service that allows public library clients to view their interlibrary loan records at any time, through our website and online catalogue.

The Library also reviewed service delivery to our reading room clients — responding to the issues raised will be a priority in the forthcoming year. One of our major service strategies is the development of online Navigators, built around identified client needs, documented from beginning to end, and made available on the web. Navigators will also underpin service delivery in our reading rooms.

### **Collection acquisition**

One of the delights of the Library is the acquisition of new treasures through the State Government's collection funding. This year was no exception, with the purchase of the personal papers of Manoly Lascaris and Patrick White (1922–1996); further literary papers belonging to the award-winning novelist, Kate Grenville (1974–2003); portraits of early colonists William and Anne Cox by convict artist Charles Rodius; a collection of watercolours by James Wallis; and several beautiful French and Russian atlases — detailing voyages of exploration and discovery to the Pacific Ocean — from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

Electronic research resources acquired included the online version of the nineteenth and twentieth century British House of Commons Papers and the *Oxford English Dictionary Online*.

### **Public Library Network**

This year the State Government provided \$24.8 million to public libraries, which included \$1.9 million allocated to NSW.net. Fifty-eight public library services across NSW were awarded Library Development Grants.

With the ageing of the population, the Library is thinking about public library planning, resourcing, marketing, strategic partnerships and staffing into the future. The Library has issued a position paper, *Active engaged valued: Older people and NSW public libraries*, which will guide and support strategic planning for this changing demographic within the library network.

A second edition of the award-winning *People places: A guide for public library buildings in NSW* was published this year. Prepared in consultation with the local government community, *People places* is a compliance standard for public library buildings in this state. It was favourably reviewed nationally and internationally, and has been

adopted by several library authorities in other Australian states and overseas.

### Reaching the community

The Library had a comprehensive program of exhibitions and events during the year.

*Terra Australis Unveiled* has been the focus of exhibition, event and digitisation activities in 2006. The superb exhibition *First Sight: The Dutch Mapping of Australia 1606–1697* celebrated the 400th anniversary of the first European discovery of Australia, by Willem Janszoon in March 1606. On display were some of the Library's rarest and most valuable treasures relating to the Dutch charting of the Australian coasts in the seventeenth century. The exhibition of David Moore's 100 finest photographs was also outstanding. *Eora: Mapping Aboriginal Sydney 1770–1850* fascinated our many visitors by chronicling the Aboriginal clans and families of early Sydney. We are justifiably proud of our exhibitions, which are invariably great crowd-pleasers.

The Friends program, a cornerstone of the Library's programs, enjoyed yet another successful year of social functions with membership increasing by 17%. The beautiful Members Room provides an intimate space for members to relax as well as being a stunning venue for various Friends and Members functions.

The SL U35 Club has been particularly successful at attracting more young people into the Library — school leavers, university students and young city workers. There are now over 1000 members, and given the success of the venture, sponsors have been keen to come on board.

Over 31.5 million requests were made for website pages during the year — an increase of 28% over the previous year.

We are very grateful to have so many wonderful volunteers. Thanks to some of these, who have been specially trained to give talks about the Library, we are promoting the Library to many more people in the community. Nearly 50 presentations were made to community groups during the year, reaching an audience of over 2500 people.

### Supporters and staff

We are thankful to have many supporters who are so generous and supportive of the Library.

I would like to thank the Members of the Library Council, who have given their time, energy and commitment to the Library once again this year. We say thank you and farewell to outgoing Library Council members — Mr Robert Purves, who chaired the Council's Grants Committee from 2002 to 2005, and Mr David Sherbon, who was instrumental in setting up the State Library of New South Wales Foundation.

We extend a warm welcome to our new members — Mr Rob Thomas, who brings extensive commercial and financial experience with him, and Mr Ian Smith, who has extensive managerial experience in the ICT and media industries.

It was sad to hear of the passing of so many good friends of the Library during the year — the Hon. Rae Else-Mitchell, President of Library Council 1974–79; the Hon. John Wheeldon, Deputy President of Library Council 1997–2002; Mr Bede Nairn, member of Library Council and the Trustees of the Public Library of NSW 1961–1977; Miss Wilma Radford, a distinguished former member of staff; and the State Library of New South Wales Foundation Governor Benefactor Mr Harry Seidler, AC OBE.

Finally, to the staff of the Library — it is difficult to acknowledge all the work that occurs in such a large institution, but the Library Council recognises that it would not be the wonderful institution it is without the commitment, hard work and efforts of all the staff — so thank you.

There will no doubt be further challenges in the year ahead but the Library is well placed to deal with these, given its achievements of the past year. Funding reductions have made managing the Library's budget challenging. Nevertheless, the Library's Executive team has done well to manage the budget by implementing savings strategies wherever possible, and by continuing to improve business processes.

Once again we look forward to working with the new State Librarian, the Executive team and the staff of the Library in the coming year.



**Ms Belinda Hutchinson**

President, Library Council of NSW



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## achievements

### NSW community

#### Corporate Objective

*Provide library services for  
the people of New South Wales*



State Library users comprise members of the NSW community who visit our website and the reading rooms in the Mitchell and State Reference libraries, or who contact us by phone, fax, mail or email or through their local public library. They include professional and personal interest researchers (who use the Library for work, study or family history), school and university students, and recreational users, who visit the Library for an exhibition or event.

### *Streamline services*

#### Service review

During 2005/06 we reviewed how we deliver information services to our clients to ensure that their needs and expectations continue to be met. The review identified strategies that will focus our services on responding to a range of needs for different client groups. It will be a priority in 2006/07 to implement the service review outcomes.

**Above** *Eora: Mapping Aboriginal Sydney 1770–1850* drew on the expertise of freelance curators and editors as well as staff from Events & Exhibitions, Collection Preservation, Original Materials, Publications & Design, Reader Services and Imaging Services

**Inset** Telephone Inquiry Service staff provide answers and information during weekday hours





### Navigators

One of our major service strategies is the development of Navigators: interactive step-by-step guides which bring together the skills and expertise of our librarians into an online research tool for our clients. Their purpose is to provide clients with easier access to a range of resources.

Following the launch of the HSC English Navigator in 2005 we are developing a suite of new Navigators. This year the Navigator team have worked with librarians experienced in responding to a diverse range of client inquiries. Our priority is to develop Navigators on high demand topics for key client groups. These include Australian company information, family history, history of a house, crime and the law, and health information.

### Access to information

This year we answered 257 403 information inquiries from almost half a million people who visited the Mitchell Library and the State Reference Library in person. We also answered 30 387 requests for information from clients accessing our services from our website, telephone inquiry



service, live chat reference service or via their public library. While clients using these services were mainly from metropolitan

and regional NSW, we also received a significant number of requests from around Australia and overseas.

We implemented RefTracker to manage the increasing number of clients using our services via the web. RefTracker simplifies client access to our online information request service. They can communicate directly with library staff about their information inquiry, negotiate deadlines and track the progress of their request online. In turn, we are able to process and answer their requests for information faster and more efficiently.

We continued to streamline workflows between services that receive and answer information requests and deliver documents and resources. In 2006/07 we will add frequently asked questions and answers to the RefTracker database. This will provide clients with immediate access to a store of authoritative knowledge.



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## NSW community

### AskNow! service

AskNow! is a national online reference service provided collaboratively by national, state and territory libraries in partnership with public libraries. An initiative of the Council of Australian State Libraries, it continues to be a valuable service for the NSW community. In 2005/06 the State Library of NSW answered 4000 inquiries from clients using the AskNow! service. An evaluation of the service in 2006 indicated NSW clients are well represented within the AskNow! client base.

### Improving skills

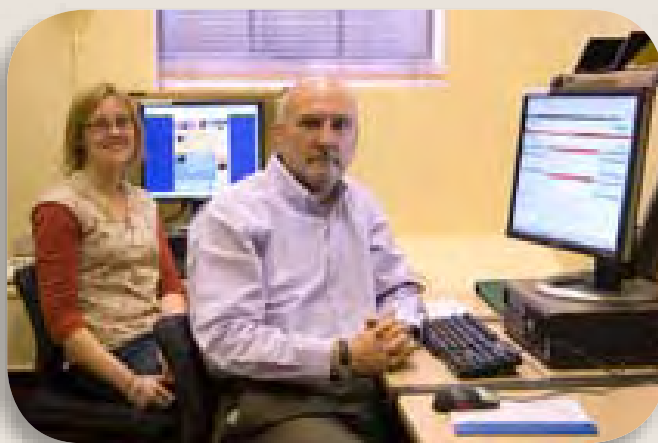
This year we offered clients a range of short courses and seminars, to assist them to effectively use our collections and more complex resources, including:

- 41 Quickstart courses, with more than 260 participants, providing free introductions to family history, shipping records, manuscripts, maps and pictures
- 102 visits by secondary school student groups, who visit our reading rooms to understand the scope and diversity of the collections and services available to them and to develop skills in using library resources
- *Introduction to Library Research Skills* which provided 580 HSC students with an overview of the Library and assistance with research
- presentations and tours for tertiary students and special interest groups that focus on collection strengths in their area of interest, including whales and the history of whaling in NSW; Newtown in the 1930s; researching local history; history and sociology of shopping in Sydney and our Shakespeare collection
- *Researching on the Internet*, which continues to be popular with mature learners, attracted 111 participants.

### Legal information services

The Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC) is a specialist information service which is jointly funded by the Public Purpose Fund of the Law Foundation and the State Library. We work in partnership with public libraries to address the barriers that non-lawyers face when trying to understand the law. Barriers include jargon, legal language and the structure of the legal system.

During the year, our central service at the State Library answered 14 432 inquiries in areas such as criminal law, family law, workplace, and court procedures. We updated the legal collections in over 300 NSW public libraries. This ensures that current plain language books, pamphlets and



other practical guides to commonly asked legal questions are available to individuals and communities across the state. We also trained 97 public librarians in how to deliver a legal information service, as they are critical to linking the community with the law.

We published four new titles in our Hot Topics series as part of our continuing role in community education and information. The new titles — Copyright, Same Sex Families, Bill of Rights, and Sentencing — were distributed free to all NSW public libraries, Legal Aid Offices and Community Legal Centres. In 2005, 285 schools subscribed to the series.

We continued to place a high priority on meeting increased demand for web-based legal information services, indicated by a 34% increase in LIAC website usage in 2005/06.

A key service is our five-step pathway that aims to make finding legal information simpler and easier. A legal studies Navigator, developed over the last 12 months, will provide a structured pathway on the web for Higher School Certificate (HSC) students studying the Crime and the Law syllabus.

### Indigenous services

Our Indigenous Services librarians continued their role in assisting the community to understand and use our Indigenous related collections. Their work included:

- working closely with curators, Exhibitions and Original Materials staff to select material for the exhibition *Eora: Mapping Aboriginal Sydney 1770–1850*; they also liaised with local Indigenous community members and organisations in developing and promoting the exhibition
- assisting 180 Indigenous clients attending workshops or presentations to develop skills in accessing information and using the Library's collections and services; including groups from Awabakal Medical Service (Newcastle), Macquarie University, Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE, NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Australian National Placenames Survey, National Parks & Wildlife Service and the University of Technology, Sydney

- answering 520 inquiries on topics including Native title, Indigenous history, family history and our collection of Indigenous material
- adding 2577 entries to INFOKOORI, an index to the *Koori Mail*, a national fortnightly newspaper for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- providing expertise in developing our digitised collection of Indigenous material for the atmittchell.com initiative.

### Infocus

Infocus, our Higher School Certificate resource service, supplied over 7000 items in 2005/6. Infocus resources are available to visitors to the library or for purchase by individuals, schools and public libraries. Traffic on the Infocus website continues to increase, rising from 959 653 page requests in 2004/05 to 1.07 million requests in 2005/06. The development of online ordering (which will be implemented in 2006) and electronic delivery of Infocus resources were a priority this year. Digital licensing issues are being explored with the Copyright Agency Limited.

### Exhibitions

We continued to attract increasing numbers of visitors to a wide-ranging exhibitions program that promotes awareness and use of the Library's collections and the atmittchell.com web presence. Eleven Library exhibitions and five guest exhibitions were viewed by 117 366 visitors, a 10% increase on 2004/05. A travelling version of *A Magnificent Spectacle: Theatre Posters of J.C. Williamson's 1905–1914*, was seen by 103 800 visitors at 16 venues throughout regional NSW and Sydney. Visits to online versions of our exhibitions doubled to 600 000 page requests. The exhibition program was supplemented by curator floor talks, an active events program and extensive media coverage. The following are highlights for the year.

*David Moore: 100 Photographs* contributed to our celebration of the 2005 Year of Photography. Presented in partnership with David Moore's family, each photograph had been selected by the photographer before his death in 2003. The digitisation of the photographs resulted in more than 180 000 page requests for the online version and in print sales from the Library Shop.

*First Sight: The Dutch Mapping of Australia 1606–1697*, marked the 400th anniversary of the first European discovery of Australia by Willem Jansz in 1606 and celebrated *Terra Australis Unveiled*, the focus for the year 2006. It featured the pewter plate left by Dirk Hartog on the

Western Australian coast in 1616, on loan from the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam and rare items from the Library's collection relating to the Dutch charting of our coasts. The exhibition received funding support from the Royal Netherlands Embassy, Canberra.

*Exotica* highlighted the Macquarie Collector's Chest, a rare piece of early nineteenth century Australiana furniture and one of the Library's most important recent acquisitions

*The Nelson Meers Foundation Heritage Collection* continued to attract visitors to a unique and changing range of material including works by Norman Lindsay, Harriet and Helena Scott, John and Elizabeth Gould, Francis Greenway and Josiah Wedgwood.



### Events

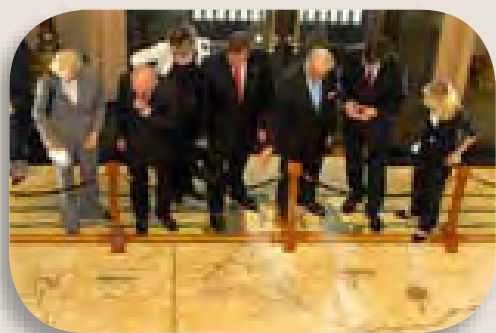
This year we organised 105 cultural events which were attended by an audience of 10 905. This is a 5% increase on last year's attendance. Literature and history are popular with our events audiences. Events exploring literary themes attracted one third of our audience while events on historical topics were attended by one quarter of our total audience. Photography events continue to be popular, attracting 16% of the total audience. The *Movies on Macquarie* program also attracted 1635 viewers to lunchtime screenings of contemporary and classic films from our collections.

**Opposite page** AskNow! provides clients with an online interactive information service

**Above from top** Visitors to *David Moore: 100 Photographs*

*Exotica* highlighted the Macquarie Collector's Chest

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**Media coverage**  
The Media and Communications Branch successfully secured media coverage for eight new online atmittchell.com journeys, including a launch

Our events program developed new partnerships with a range of organisations including the Australia-China Council, Consulate General of France, French Rendez-vous Festival, Centre for New Writing, University of Technology, Royal Netherlands Embassy, Victorian Tapestry Workshop and the Sydney Seminar for the Arts and Philosophy, University of Western Sydney. Speakers included writers, poets, academics, and commentators including Phillip Adams AO, John Berendt, Tim Bowden AO, the Hon. Bob Carr, Li Cunxin, Warren Fahey AM, Tim Fischer AO, Kate Grenville, John Menadue AO, Paul Monk, Chester Porter and Peter Rose.

**SL U35 Club**

The SL U35 Club, which was launched in June 2005, has attracted over 1000 members aged under 35 years who are seeking a cultural fix with like-minded individuals. A survey in June found that over a third of members were introduced to the Library via the club and that 60% attended their first Library exhibition as a club member.

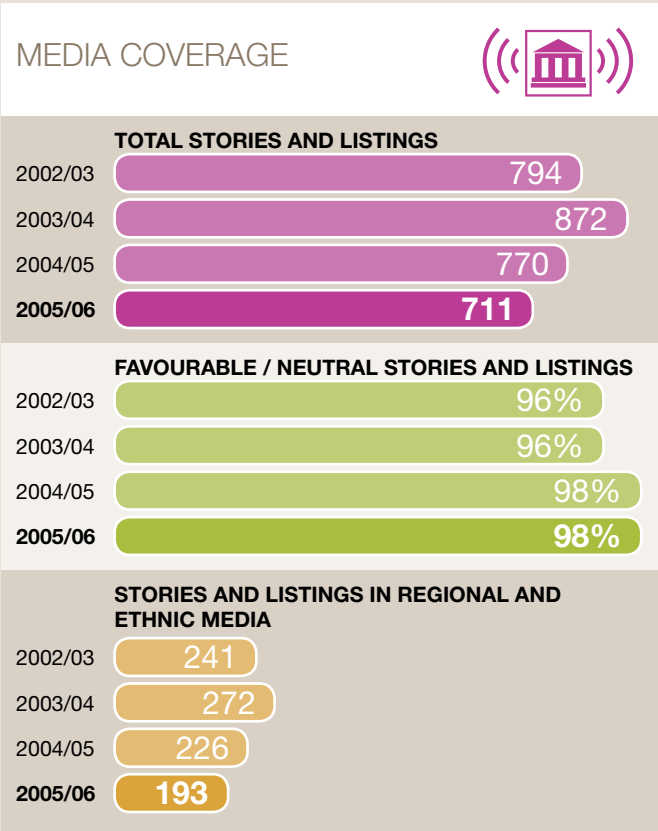
Fifteen SL U35 events were held in 2005/06, attracting a total audience of 2875. Events featured icons, identities, comedians, best-selling authors, award-winning photographers and leading Australian animators.

The highlight of the events program was the inaugural Sydney Poetry Slam 05 held in December in partnership with Miles Merrill, an award-winning slam poet.

The SL U35 club has four in-kind sponsors: industrie clothing, Bluetongue brewery, American Crew and Hopscotch Films.



in Melbourne of *Terra Australis to Australia*. Each journey launch attracted coverage from a broad range of media outlets. This included major daily newspapers, national radio programs, suburban and weekly newspapers and trade/specialist publications. The diversity of digitised collection material has exposed the atmittchell.com presence to new Library audiences, such as aviation and sports enthusiasts.



Note: Coloured bars are indicative only and are not drawn to scale

**Above from left** Dr Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister of the Netherlands and Minister of General Affairs, with His Excellency Mr Niek van Zutphen, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Australia, view the Mitchell Wing's Tasman Map at the opening of *First Sight: The Dutch Mapping of Australia 1606–1697*

John Berendt in conversation with Caroline Baum about his book *The city of falling angels*

**Left** SL U35 Club staff celebrate a successful year

**Opposite page from top** Collection Preservation staff work on the David Scott Mitchell Bequest Collection

Planning for our new offsite storage facility has been completed

## Build collections and facilities

### Access to collections

Our website and computer catalogues provide access to our collections and to selected online resources from around the world. They also support management of an asset valued at \$1.9 billion. In 2005/06:

- 46 854 electronic records were created for items in our heritage and current collections
- 24 087 images, a 10% increase on 2004/05, were scanned as part of the digitisation program
- electronic records were created for 270 collections stored offsite
- the number of full-text journals available through the computer catalogue increased by 15.5% to 22 603 titles
- links to online content in the catalogue increased by 16%.

### Collection storage

In 2005/06 the NSW Government provided an increase of \$1.9m to the Library's recurrent allocation for an offsite storage facility and \$1.3m on an ongoing basis. As the Library's collections grew to 106 linear kilometres this year, planning continued to ensure appropriate management of the collection into the future. At June 2006, a contract was finalised for the new offsite facility, which will provide a secure, climate-controlled environment to manage low-use collection material over the next 20 years.



### Collection preservation

The transfer of deteriorating cellulose acetate masters of NSW newspapers to stable polyester film continues to be a priority. We have replaced 2254 reels of newspaper masters since the project began in 2002. This year 313 new polyester masters were produced for titles including the *Cessnock Eagle*, the *Manly Daily* and the *Camden News*.

This year we started a new project to protect the Library's fragile cellulose acetate photographic negative collections. Our first priority is to rehouse the most significant and vulnerable collection material in custom-built boxes and low-density polyethylene bags for storage in newly

purchased freezers. Freezer conditions help slow down the deterioration of the material.

Preservation treatments were carried out on 19 015 items from the general collections and 21 paintings and frames were treated in the rolling oil paintings program. A number of activities also addressed risks to the collection including:

- staff training for the revised *Counter Disaster Manual*
- testing of communication in a disaster scenario
- an audit and condition survey of 1656 oil paintings and frames in the Framed Picture Store
- a rare books embossing program to identify and mark the ownership of high value printed book items.

The Library's exhibitions program and loans to external exhibitions required a significant increase in the number of collection items prepared for exhibition. Material prepared for inhouse exhibitions increased by 57% to 659 items and external loan preparations doubled to 225 items. A wide exhibition audience within NSW and interstate saw original items from the Library's collections at:

- *National Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries*, a Council of Australian State Libraries exhibition which toured to Melbourne and Hobart
- *Joseph Lycett: Convict Artist* a collaborative exhibition with the Historic Houses Trust and the National Gallery of Australia
- *Cook Sites* at the Museum of Sydney
- *Cook and his Pacific Voyages* at the National Museum of Australia.



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Journeys

The atmittchell.com website presents the digitised images of collection items through the concept of a journey. Journeys are stories that lead the user on an exploration of the unique and significant collection items found within the Library. They use a range of features, including text, images, maps, sound and video files, to create an interactive experience and have been designed to improve access to digitised collection material and information. We have digitised 24 087 new images from our collections including paintings, journals, photographs and posters. Eight journeys, sponsored by generous benefactors, were launched on the atmittchell.com website in 2005/06.

Journey	Benefactor
Indigenous Australians	Rio Tinto and Rio Tinto Aboriginal Foundation
The Seidler Collection	Harry Seidler AC OBE and Penelope Seidler
From Terra Australis to Australia	John T. Reid Charitable Trusts and Thyne Reid Charitable Trusts
Temples of Commerce	Woodhead International
Modernism	DesignInc
Exploration	Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation
Cricket in Australia	Sir Ron Brierley
Aviation in Australia	Qantas

In September the atmittchell.com website was awarded a ‘Standard of Excellence’ in the government category of the 2005 WebAwards global competition for website design and function.

Mitchell Bequest

The Mitchell Bequest Project, launched in 2002 to restore and provide online access to the 61 000 volumes David Scott Mitchell bequeathed to the people of NSW, will be completed by the centenary of his death in 2007. At June 2006, electronic records had been created for 37 733 volumes and 27 954 items had received preservation treatments; 35% of the print material in the collection is unique to the Australian National Bibliographic Database.

Maps digitisation

A number of series of Sydney maps were digitised and made available through our computer catalogue including:

- 723 maps in the Department of Lands Sydney Metropolitan detail series
- 134 maps in the Fire & Accident Underwriters Association Block plan City of Sydney 1919–1940
- 70 plans in the 1895 Parramatta Detail series.

These map series are an important research source for local and family historians. The digitisation project was part of Project 2006 *Terra Australis Unveiled*, a program of celebrations leading to the Mitchell Library centenary in 2010.



## NSW Parliamentarians' papers

Our Original Materials staff compiled a guide to the papers of 202 NSW parliamentarians represented in the Mitchell Library's collection. Electronic records were created for 377 collections, and 40 new and extensive collections were processed. The project was supported by a grant from the Sesquicentenary for Responsible Government in New South Wales 1856–2006 Committee.

The private collection of John Quinn, Librarian to the NSW Parliament until 1944, was one of several collections made accessible with the support of Library volunteers. The Quinn Collection reflects John Quinn's interest in literature and adds to the Library's literature and poetry resources. A title list of 1400 items can be browsed online.



## PANDORA

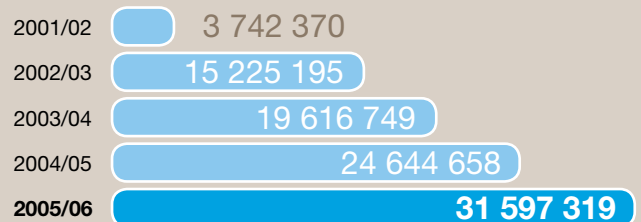
We continue to select and archive online publications originating in NSW onto PANDORA, Australia's Online Archive. This year we identified and archived 499 'born digital' titles including 382 titles from NSW government agencies. This is part of our cooperative collecting agreement with other state libraries and the National Library of Australia. Additions in 2005/06 included:

- *The Mackay reports* on social trends and attitudes in Australia since 1979
- *Website of the Water Directorate (NSW)* which provides advice and technical support for long-term water resource management
- *Websites for museums* including the Age of Fishes Museum and the Bradman Museum in Bowral.

## Internet Links

Our Internet Links web page, which receives an average of 40 000 requests per month, provides access to quality reference information on the web. The links, selected for their relevance to the diverse interests of clients in the NSW community, range from family history to pictorial databases for identifying flora and fauna. In 2005/06, we evaluated and added 135 new sites linking our clients to more than 1450 websites with quality information.

## REQUESTS FOR WEB PAGES



Note: Coloured bars are indicative only and are not drawn to scale

**Opposite page** Curators' expertise and collection knowledge are key elements in creating atmittchell.com online journeys

**Above from top** Launching the journey *Aviation in Australia* at the Qantas Heritage Museum, Sydney Airport

Showcasing unique collection material to sponsors at the *Indigenous Australians* journey launch

Mr Graham Bradley, Capital Campaign, launches the atmittchell.com journey *Exploration: Trailblazing the Australian interior*

## achievements

### NSW public library network

#### Corporate Objective

*Collaborate with public libraries through sharing expertise and supporting service excellence*



#### The Public Library Network

Public libraries, local government and the State Library work together to promote, provide and maintain library and information services to the people of New South Wales. This is mandated by the *Library Act 1939*.

There are 363 public libraries throughout rural and metropolitan NSW. There are 97 central library services. These include stand-alone libraries and regional or joint libraries where up to eight local councils have entered into an agreement to provide combined services. There are also 266 branch libraries and 25 mobile libraries providing public library services to their local communities. NSW public libraries receive approximately 30 million visits each year and answer over three million information requests.

**Above** @ your library, a campaign which involves NSW country and metropolitan public libraries as well as the State Library, promotes the value of NSW public libraries and librarians — a 2006 highlight was Library Lovers' Day @ your library on St Valentine's Day

**Opposite page** State Librarian & Chief Executive Dagmar Schmidmaier AM with Margaret Ross on the Upper Murray Regional Library mobile library [photo courtesy of *The Border Mail*]





### Sharing expertise

The State Library facilitates and leads the sharing of expertise and supports service excellence within the public library network by:

- supporting and advising on service development
- providing access to training and professional development opportunities
- developing guidelines and policies
- managing and administering the Public Library Grants and Subsidies program.

We work in partnership with public libraries, helping to develop high quality and responsive services that meet the needs of diverse communities.

### Visits and inquiries

Our Public Library Services staff work with public libraries to develop library services for their local communities. This year they visited 94 libraries across rural and metropolitan NSW. They also assisted on a variety of issues relating to the provision of public library services. These included providing advice on developing regional library agreements, evaluating

library services, marketing library programs and designing library buildings.

The State Librarian visits public libraries regularly to understand the context of rural and metropolitan public libraries and the challenges and pressures they face. In 2005/06 Dagmar Schmidmaier AM, State Librarian & Chief Executive,

visited a number of public libraries including Albury, Blacktown, West Ryde, Newcastle and Campbelltown. She also attended the annual conference of the Country Public Libraries Association in Erina.



Photo: The Border Mail

# achievements | NSW public library network

## Older people and NSW public libraries

The impact of an aging population as baby boomers retire will be an important challenge for NSW public libraries. Retirees and older people are significant users of public libraries, visiting for many reasons including family history research, recreational reading, to research health issues, and to access community information and government services on the Internet. We need to consider a variety of issues as we plan for an increase in the proportion of older clients, including the design of library facilities, development of services and collections, reaching a changing population, staffing and staff training.

This year two initiatives were launched to help NSW public libraries plan for this impending change. Our new publication, *Active engaged valued: Older people and NSW public libraries*, provides strategies to help develop effective services for older people. In June we hosted the *Sensational Seniors* seminar, which explored marketing, communication, grants and sponsorship, cost and library design in the context of an aging population. It was attended by 110 public library staff and 97% of participants agreed that it was relevant and useful for developing and managing public library services.

## Legal information services

We continue to strengthen our relationship with public libraries to enable them to deliver a quality legal information service to their communities. They value the LIAC relationship, with 81 libraries committed to an annual service delivery agreement.

We hosted two forums with 79 public librarians from 60 public libraries to share promotional ideas and develop our network knowledge. Speakers from the Department of Corrective Services Library and from the Intellectual Disability Rights Service discussed issues in legal information provision. Public librarians use these events to make links within the legal community and increase awareness of their service across NSW.

During Law Week in March 2006, we facilitated over 60 events across NSW public libraries, giving library clients an opportunity to learn about their legal rights. Tamworth City Library and Clarence Regional Library received LIAC Centre of Excellence Awards at the annual Law and Justice Foundation of NSW Justice Awards in October,

in recognition of their work promoting community awareness of their service.

We developed three training packages to help public library LIACs promote the service to their local council and community and to raise awareness of access to quality legal information in their local public libraries. Our print *LIAC Newsletter* was replaced by *law@yourlibrary e-news* which allows us to communicate across our network in a more responsive and cost-effective manner.

## Health information services

The Health Information Service is a specialist information service supported by funding from NSW Health. The service assists the layperson to access the most useful health and wellness information to meet their information need. This year the service received enquiries from the community, public librarians and government agencies. The majority of inquiries related to diseases and their treatment.

Consumers are increasingly interested and informed about their health and health issues and NSW public libraries indicate that health information is a topic in high demand by their clients. In 2005/06 we consulted with 27 public libraries from metropolitan and regional NSW to explore ways we could work together to improve the community's access to current and easy-to-understand information. Participants identified two priorities to meet ongoing demand from local communities. They want to choose high quality, relevant resources for their health and wellness collections, and to have ease of access to quality online health information for staff and clients. In February we launched a bimonthly electronic alerting service to help public libraries develop



**Above from left** Cobar Shire library staff complete their Legal Information Access Centre training

Jane Curran of The Learning Curve presents a study skills workshop to participants of *Surviving the HSC* at Willoughby City Library

**Opposite page** The Max Webber Library, Blacktown, relocated to a new purpose-built facility in 2005 [photographed by Wolter Peeters, Blacktown City Council]

Photo: Wolter Peeters, Blacktown City Council



responsive health collections. *Health Alerts* provides more than 400 public library staff with information about new health resources, websites and databases.

We started developing web-based health Navigators to meet the community need for up-to-date, authoritative and accessible health information online. Two Navigators, *Diseases and conditions* and *Medications, treatments and tests* have been developed for usability testing and *Health and lifestyle* and *Statistics and research* will be developed in 2006/07.

### Drug information

The drug information at your local library (di@yll) program helps all public libraries across NSW provide access to trusted information on drugs. It was established in 1999 by the State Library and NSW Health as part of the Community Drug Information Strategy.

An evaluation of di@yll in 2005 indicated that the service provides an effective link between local communities and information that complements other drug information strategies in the community. Public library clients looking for drug information value access to clearly identified quality drug information resources, anonymity of access via the local public library and simple access to trustworthy drug information on the Internet.

The evaluation recommended that we raise awareness of the availability of drug information in public libraries and extend the reach of di@yll to more members of local communities across NSW. The collection should also focus more on the drug information needs of young people and their parents and carers. We have refined and developed the di@yll collections in all 97 central libraries in response to these recommendations. In January 2006 we received funding from NSW Health to develop new marketing strategies to increase awareness of di@yll in 2006/07.

### Buildings

We continued to provide expert building consultancy services for new library building projects in NSW and elsewhere. This service supports councils building libraries which are welcoming and responsive to the needs of local communities. This year new libraries were completed at Kippax (Australian Capital Territory), Constitution Hill (Parramatta), Blacktown, Glen Innes, Swansea, Gundagai and Wallsend. Design briefs were prepared for proposed new libraries at Byron Bay and Mount Annan. Our building project expertise was also sought by the University of Sydney for the proposed SciTech Library and Law Library on the Darlington and Camperdown campuses.

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As our communities and population change, developments in design and library services required a revision of our planning guide, *People places: A guide for public library buildings*. The guide has been an important planning tool for libraries throughout NSW since 2000. It has been adopted for use in several other states and has been endorsed as a planning document by the board of Pustaka Negeri Sarawak, the Sarawak State Library in Malaysia.

The second edition of *People places* focuses on innovative library models and the integration of modern technology into library function and design. Library managers and councils have practical advice on design and development, optimum size for library buildings, and planning processes and issues to ensure new library buildings meet their community's future needs.

## Summer reading club

We supported the participation of 65 NSW public library services in *Read Around Oz*, a national reading program provided by public libraries around Australia. In NSW, 11 000 young people participated in the program, which encourages young people to read and use their library during school holiday periods. This was an increase of more than 80% compared to 2004/05.

## Training

We supported and hosted a range of professional development seminars and training programs for public library staff including:

- 150 public library and council staff participated in the *Public Library Building* seminar, which provided information on planning and design for public libraries and presented examples of recent library building projects
- Library managers and Council Management Team members from Ashfield, Burwood, Dubbo, Hornsby, Hurstville, Manly, Oberon, Warringah, Woollahra and Wyong councils participated in a *Strategic Positioning of Public Libraries* program, which helps public library services work through a strategic thinking process and develop and review strategic direction and plans. The first stage of the program was completed in June 2006.
- 44 staff from libraries attended a two-day *Leading From Any Position* workshop, which explored workplace learning and organisational behaviour and provided participants with practical skills in leadership
- 149 participants attended *Making Connections* sessions delivered by Reader Services staff; knowledge of the State Library's services and collections extends the services public library staff can offer their clients
- 161 staff from 46 libraries participated in 26 *Strategic Searching* programs, our key training program in using statewide online databases, provided by NSW.net (see p.25) and delivered by Education & Training staff
- seminars and workshops were held on grant writing, marketing to seniors, HSC resources and reference and reader advisory services.



**Above** Laptop computers and wireless access complement pen and paper note-taking





## Supporting service excellence

### Public Libraries Consultative Committee

The Library Council of NSW provides support, guidance and funding to the NSW Public Library Network. The Public Libraries Consultative Committee (PLCC) is the key source of advice for the Library Council on issues relating to administration, service development and funding. It provides a public library perspective with representation from a wide range of relevant organisations including the State Library, Metropolitan Public Libraries Association, Country Public Libraries Association, Local Government and Shires Associations, and the Local Government Managers Association.

In 2006, the Library Council of New South Wales reviewed and updated the PLCC's terms of reference. Council also approved the revised and updated 2006/08 PLCC Strategic Plan which guides the committee in providing relevant and responsive advice to Library Council on issues relating to NSW public libraries.

### Public libraries grants and subsidies funding

In 2005/06 the State Government provided \$24.8m to public libraries. This included \$1.9m allocated to the NSW net service to provide NSW local councils and public libraries with Internet connections and access to online databases. Library Development Grants were awarded to 58 public library services (see p.72). They were used to develop library services, improve library buildings, implement innovative technology, build multicultural, audio, local history and children's collections and develop unique outreach programs such as the Outback Letterbox Library.

### Library reviews

Each year our Public Library Services staff review a number of library services at the request of local councils. The reviews examine and make recommendations on the way libraries provide and manage services, build collections, use library space and reach out to their communities. In 2005/06 we completed extensive library reviews for Clarence Regional Library Service and Shoalhaven Libraries.

### Access to Information in NSW Public Libraries

In April 2006 we reviewed and updated our policy on access to information and associated issues of censorship and filtering. The review of *Freedom of Collection and Access for Local Government Libraries (1984)* reflected a greater reliance on web-based information and changes in

censorship and library legislation and policy. The updated guideline, *Access to information in New South Wales Public Libraries*, provides a clear statement on how the State Library and public library network will provide free and equitable access to information for the people of NSW.

### Internet connectivity

NSW.net is a State Library service that provides local councils and public libraries with Internet connections and access to online databases. This year 157 public libraries used the service.

We continued to provide faster and more reliable connections at reduced costs to meet the demand for Internet use in local communities. As the overall cost of Internet connections has reduced, councils and libraries have upgraded to faster connections for a similar pre-upgrade cost. This year we installed 20 new Internet connections and upgraded 35 existing Internet connections. Bourke Public Library benefited through the upgrading of a dial-up Internet connection to a broadband connection and the purchase of public use PCs through public library grants and subsidies.

In 2006/07, two major projects will be implemented to improve connectivity and communication:

- a high-speed Internet connection will be trialled at Eurobodalla and Goulburn Councils, combining several ADSL or broadband services to provide a high-speed alternative for rural councils and libraries
- a Communities of Interest Project will assess how web-based tools can help statewide public library groups to communicate and network online.

### 'Light Use Libraries' project

NSW.net also provides all NSW public libraries with access to statewide online databases. The databases are used as information resources by library staff and their patrons. Use of the databases increased by over 20% compared to 2004/05.

During 2004/05, we identified 25 public libraries with low database use, showing a need to improve staff awareness of the databases and to provide training in online searching. The 'Light Use Libraries' project trialled two generalist databases, *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online* and *World Book Online* for 12 months and provided staff training in database use. Twenty-two of the 25 public libraries participated in the project, resulting in increased database use by the majority of the participating libraries.

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## Corporate Objective

*Create partnership opportunities  
by engaging with atmittchell and  
strengthening personal affiliations*



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**Above** Adam Check, Acting Executive Director, Foundation [standing] with Foundation supporters including atmittchell Benefactors, Custodians, Friends and Library Circle members

**Inset** 'A world of disorderly notions ... crowded into his imagination.' *The history of Don Quixote by Cervantes ...* Illustrated by Gustave Doré, c. 1883, Nelson Meers Foundation Heritage Collection



### *Personal affiliations*

#### **State Library of NSW Foundation**

This year the continuing generous support of the Library's benefactors and supporters resulted in the Foundation contributing more than \$2.25m to the Library's activities, an 85% increase on 2004/05. The funds enabled the Library to continue to acquire and preserve its unique collections and develop the [atmitchell.com](http://atmitchell.com) website. Major projects this year included the preservation and cataloguing of David Scott Mitchell's original bequest and the investment of resources, cataloguing, digitisation and preservation in [atmitchell.com](http://atmitchell.com).

Library staff supported Foundation activities through talks, tours and presentations by curators and conservators for supporters and potential supporters. Topics ranged from the history and significance of the Library's collection to preservation of personal collections.



#### **Capital Campaign**

The Foundation's Capital Campaign supports the development of [atmitchell.com](http://atmitchell.com). The Campaign Committee continues to achieve milestones beyond initial expectations. Private and corporate benefactors' donations and pledges had raised \$5.2m by June 2006. Generous pledges by the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation and the Public Purpose Fund

of the Law Foundation allowed us to start digitising material on exploration of the Australian interior and law and justice in Australia.

#### **Bequests and the Library Circle**

This year the Foundation received two significant bequests from individual Estates. Membership of the Library Circle also increased during the year. The Circle recognises individuals who have made a provision in their Estate during their lifetime. The Friends of the State Library also increased its membership by 17% during 2005/06. The Friends program supports the Library through an annual membership program.



# achievements | partners & advocates

## Partnerships

### The Nelson Meers Foundation

The generous support of the Nelson Meers Foundation continues to ensure that rarely seen treasures from the Library's collections are preserved, restored and exhibited in the *Nelson Meers Foundation Heritage Collection*. This year more than 100 items were displayed, including the rare 1755 publication *History and Adventures of the Renowned Don Quixote*.

### Volunteer Program

Members of the community who join our Volunteer Program contribute their time, experience, skills and knowledge to the Library's organisational goals. They also support us through their advocacy for the Library.

The program currently has 160 registered volunteers, of whom 25 joined us in 2005/06. Seven out of 10 volunteers actively participate in the program. They range in age from their early twenties to over 90 years. Each year we specially recognise volunteers who have completed 10 or more years of Library volunteering. In December 2005, 27 volunteers received 15-year awards and 12 volunteers received 10-year awards.

In 2005/06 volunteers committed 10 986 hours to the Library. They contributed to work across the organisation in the reading rooms, collection services, public events, exhibitions, media, multicultural services, visitor tours, and education services. The Speakers' Program, which began in June 2004, continues to grow in popularity. This year 23 volunteers visited 47 community groups and clubs. As a result, 2816 members of the community were introduced to the history, collections and services of their state library.



### Council of Australian State Libraries

In June we finalised a Memorandum of Understanding with PANDORA, Australia's Online Archive. This partnership with the National Library of Australia and other state libraries, established in November 2001, is a key strategy in preserving the online publishing heritage of NSW. The archive currently holds more than 12 000 titles.

### Public Purpose funding

LIAC secured funding of \$2.2m from the Public Purpose Fund. A 13% increase, it allows the service to continue its work with public libraries and the community for a further three years. The Public Purpose Fund also funded a new edition of the picture book, *Why should I? A fun way to learn about the law*. The title was updated by LIAC staff and is aimed at 8 to 12-year-olds studying the Civics and Citizenship syllabus. A copy was provided to all public and school libraries in NSW. As a reflection of our strong partnership, the Public Purpose Fund of the Law Foundation also made a one-off contribution to [atmitchell.com](http://atmitchell.com) to initiate the first stage of development of *Law and Justice in Australia*.

### Drug and health information

NSW Health continued to support our strategies around the provision of health and drug information to the NSW community. In 2005/06 the Health Information Service secured \$60 000 to provide consumer health information and \$79 000 to develop the *di@yll* program. We also worked in partnership with the NSW Health, Community Drug Strategy to develop strategies for providing drug information and relationships at local levels between public libraries and Community Drug Action Teams.

### Register of War Memorials in NSW

The Library maintains and hosts the Register of War Memorials of NSW website on behalf of the Returned and Services League (NSW), the NSW Premier's Department and Clubs NSW. This year we reviewed and upgraded the website to revise contribution guidelines and improve accessibility. This has improved website usability and resulted in faster processing of submissions to the register. In 2005/06 the site received 319 424 page requests, a 116% increase on the previous year.

## Nestlé Write Around Australia

This year our 12-year partnership with Nestlé Australia, which developed *Nestlé Write Around Australia* into a highly regarded creative writing program for young people, came to a close. Since its inception in 1994, the program received 334 296 entries and reached 539 496 young people. It received strong support from state and public libraries, departments of education, and community organisations throughout Australia. Nestlé Australia reconsidered their community program priorities following the introduction of new international guidelines for the company.

## Professional leadership

State Librarian and CEO, Dagmar Schmidmaier AM, presented a paper at the 2005 IFLA conference in Oslo on the groundbreaking 2002 NSW Pay Equity case for library workers. The paper was co-authored by Anne Doherty, Senior Policy Officer. Lucy Arundell, Assistant State Librarian, presented a paper on [atmitchell.com](http://atmitchell.com) at the 2005 Internet Librarian International conference in London.

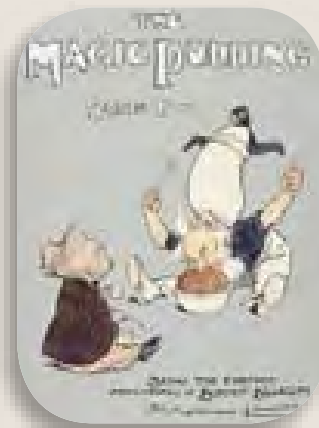
Melissa Jackson, Indigenous Services Librarian, was elected Vice-President of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Library & Information Resource Network (ATSILIRN) in 2005. ATSILIRN is the national Australian body that represents Indigenous library workers on issues relevant to Indigenous library services and collections.

Rosie Block, Curator of Oral History, continued to provide leadership to the NSW community by presentations on oral history theory and practice. She was a member of the organising committee of the 14th International Oral History Association Conference held in Sydney in July 2006.

Heather Mansell, Manager, Collection Preservation, promoted the Library's work in collection preservation at an AusHeritage forum in Wellington, New Zealand. The aim of the forum was to work towards effective relationships between New Zealand and Australian cultural heritage

professionals in the delivery of projects and programs in the Pacific and Asian region.

Richard Neville, Manager, Original Materials, contributed curatorial input to the exhibition *Joseph Lycett: Convict artist*. Historic Houses Trust of NSW, in conjunction with the National Library of Australia, managed the exhibition.



The Garling Conservator also worked on the preservation of watercolours and prints of Joseph Lycett. Their work adds to the scholarship on the artist's techniques and materials and the conservation of the Lycett collection in the Mitchell and Dixson collections.

Jennifer Berryman, Policy Coordinator, was

sponsored by the Australian Library and Information Association to participate in the Council on Humanities and Social Sciences *Expanding Horizons* seminar in March. The seminar provided opportunities for early career researchers and professionals to discuss their work with federal parliamentarians, and to engage them in debate on influencing public policy and identifying new industries or problem areas in Australia.

## International affiliations

We hosted several individual and group visitors from overseas with interests in digitisation and professional development:

- Irene Vermaak from Rhodes University Library, South Africa
- Ms Yang Lingxue and Ms Wang Fang, Nanjing Library, China
- Geo Chang Council Library, Korea
- Inner Mongolia Libraries
- American Consulate Jakarta
- teaching staff from Rajabhat University, Thailand (UTS program).

**Opposite page** Long-service awards go to volunteers in December 2005

**Above from left** In the Nelson Meers Foundation Heritage Collection:

*The Magic Pudding Slice Two*, Norman Lindsay, c. 1918, on display in 2006

*Emu Men*, Robin Lovejoy, 1950, on display in 2006 with John Antill's ballet score *Corroboree*

# achievements | partners & advocates

## Awards and fellowships

The State Library and the Library Council of New South Wales offer fellowships to promote scholarship, research and use of the Library's collections. The Library is also associated with five significant Australian literary awards. Copies of all entries are added to the Library's collections.

## Fellowships

### CH Currey Memorial Fellowship

This fellowship was established under the terms of a bequest made by the late Dr Charles Herbert Currey.

It promotes the writing of Australian history from original resources held by the State Library. The 2005 CH Currey Fellow is Dr Mark Hearn. His research topic is 'Changing the face of the world: The *fin de siècle* imagination in Australia, 1890–1914'.

### Jean Arnot Memorial Fellowship

The 2006 fellowship, for a paper by a women librarian or student of librarianship, was awarded to Elizabeth Beales for her paper, 'The librarian as cybernanny'.

### Nancy Keesing Fellowship

This fellowship was established by former Library Council President, Dr Mark Hertzberg AO, in honour of his wife, the late Nancy Keesing. It promotes the State Library as a centre of research into Australian life and culture. The Nancy Keesing Fellow is Dr Brooke Collins-Gearing, for her research, 'Tiddas and daughter discourses in Australian children's literature'.

### Council of Australian State Libraries Honorary Fellowship

This fellowship was awarded to Dr Victoria Haskins. Her research topic is 'Dancing in the dust: White women and Aboriginal cultural appropriation'.

### Library Council of New South Wales Honorary Fellowship

The 2005 fellowship was awarded to Ms Melissa Bellanta for research on 'Unclassified: Class, the land and populist agitation, 1870s, Sydney'.



## Awards

### Blake Dawson Waldron Prize for Business Literature

This prize, administered by the State Library on behalf of Blake Dawson Waldron Lawyers, encourages writing that informs the general reader about people and issues in Australian commercial life. The 2006 prize was awarded to Mervyn K Lewis and Darren Grimsey for *Public Private Partnerships*.

### Kathleen Mitchell Award

The recipient of this award, for authors under the age of 30, was Markus Zusak for *The Book Thief*.

### Miles Franklin Literary Award

The 2006 award was given to Roger McDonald for his novel, *The Ballad of Desmond Kale*.

### National Biography Award

The State Library administers this award on behalf of its benefactors, Dr Geoffrey Cains and Mr Michael Crouch AO. The 2006 award was presented to John Hughes for *The Idea of Home*.

### Nita B Kibble Literary Awards for Women Writers

The 2006 award, for women's writing about Australian life, was won by Brenda Walker for her novel *The Wing of Night: A Novel of Love and War*.

**Above from top** Roger McDonald [left] Miles Franklin 2006 winner, with Margaret Fink and Bruce Corlett, Chairman, Trust (Trustee)

Dr John Barclay, Library Council [left] with John Hughes, 2006 National Biography Award winner

# NSW government

## Corporate Objective

*Meet all NSW Government  
legislative and policy requirements*

The State Library receives the majority of its funding through the NSW Government. As a government agency, we comply with government policy and legislative requirements to provide library and information services and to collect the documentary record of NSW through legal deposit legislation and policy.

The NSW Government made administrative changes, effective from 3 March 2006, which established the Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation and abolished the Ministry for the Arts. On that same date, all branches of the Ministry (including staff attached to the State Library) were removed from the Ministry and added to the Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation.

### Legislation, governance and policy

The NSW *Library Act* was also amended by the *Public Sector Employment Legislation Amendment Act 2006* (assented to on 17 March 2006). This Act made amendments to the employment arrangements for the State Librarian and staff of the State Library.

Library Council reviewed its operations using the NSW Audit Office's *On Board* methodology. The review of operations extended to Council's standing committees. The Finance Committee became the Audit and Finance Committee. Terms of reference were established for the Audit and Finance Committee, the Grants Committee and Fellowships Committee (see pp. 50-51). The Public Libraries Consultative Committee reviewed its terms of reference and strategic plan.

In 2005 the Library responded to the NSW Legislative Assembly's Public Bodies Review Committee *Corporate Governance Survey* on the machinery and governance of Library Council and the corporate governance arrangements of individual agencies.

In 2005/06 the Library's corporate and strategic policy and planning needs were supported through the development of Intranet resources for strategy, policy, professional knowledge and planning. The Library contributed responses to major copyright inquiries through the Council of Australian State Libraries and contributed expert advice on copyright to government.

## Services

### Consumer response

We endeavour at all times to provide services that meet our Guarantee of Service. In 2005/06 the Library recorded 269 positive responses about services. Most of these (201) were from the public and thanked the Library and its staff for professional assistance and courteous service. The remaining responses were positive comments on other aspects of the Library.

Seven written complaints, which primarily concerned facilities, were investigated and responded to promptly and appropriately. These included cleaning of the Fleischman fountain, updating complainants on the progress of building work, investigating complaints of discourteous service and directing staff to ensure compliance with the Code of Conduct.

### Electronic service delivery

A number of projects which enhance community and public library access to our services were completed:

- online client registration was implemented in November and, at June 2006, 12 500 clients in the wider NSW community registered at our website without requiring a visit to the Library



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- all public computers in the Mitchell Library and State Reference Library were replaced and upgraded; improving access to the Internet and electronic resources meets continuing demand for online information
- 25% of the computer network infrastructure was upgraded, resulting in improved network performance for clients accessing online databases
- a 'Call for Assistance' alert was installed on public computers, allowing clients to receive help from library staff without interrupting their work
- 10 new digital microfilm readers have improved access to the Library's large microfilm and microfiche collections.

An online service was introduced for libraries which use our interlibrary lending service. *My Loans* enables the State Library and requesting public libraries to manage requests more efficiently. Client libraries can view their interlibrary loan records, track and manage items borrowed from the State Library, renew items on loan and copy loan records to their inhouse systems.

In 2006/07 we will extend the electronic resources search service to enable our clients to search databases from home.

### Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement

There are more than half a million people across metropolitan and rural NSW who do not speak English well or at all (2001 census, Australian Bureau of Statistics). Our Multicultural Library Services support culturally and linguistically diverse communities across NSW by providing access to quality information and library services. In 2005/06 this was achieved by:

- providing access to books in 44 languages through the public library network
- providing 94 444 loans to public libraries for their local communities
- purchasing 3022 books in 19 languages to update and develop our collections
- developing our German language collection in partnership with the Goethe Institut, Sydney
- developing an Armenian language collection
- developing our collection of spoken word books for the increasing number of older people in the community.

Our multicultural collections are regularly reviewed to ensure they are up-to-date and relevant to the community. This year more than 4547 items were withdrawn and 3267 new volumes in 32 languages were purchased. At June 2006



there were 67 614 books in other languages available for loan. Loans from this collection comprised 82% of loans to public libraries.

We also helped public libraries build collections for their local communities. The Multicultural Purchasing Cooperative, which is managed by the State Library, acquired items in 21 languages for 26 public libraries at a total cost of over \$0.4m. Our Multicultural Library Services also support English learning programs across the state. We continued to develop our English as a second language (ESL) collection including materials such as interactive CD-ROMs. This collection supports the independent learning of English. It is highly regarded and utilised by teachers working with migrants who have recently arrived under humanitarian programs and are settled in regional areas such as Newcastle, Singleton and Coffs Harbour.

In 2005 we established a partnership with the Metropolitan Public Libraries Association to develop a database of library signs and phrases translated in 49 languages. This resource will help public libraries to communicate and promote their services to diverse cultures in the NSW community. The database will be made available to libraries via the Internet during 2006.



## Staff

### Disability Services

This year Library Council approved our Disability Action Plan 2006/09, which outlines how we will develop facilities, technology and staff skills to meet the library and information needs of Library clients with a disability. We will focus on modifying our building to enable effective access by people with a disability to all our buildings, services and programs. Our disability access lending collection grew to 21 254 volumes with the addition of 1572 new items in large print or audio book format. Loans from this collection comprised 12% of loans to public libraries.

### Services for women

The New South Wales Government *Action Plan for Women* includes strategies to provide information and services to women. There are no specific commitments in the plan that refer to the State Library. Our mainstream services and programs are equally available to women, who consistently represent about 50% of users of all services.

### Human resources

The NSW Government made administrative changes, effective from 3 March 2006, which established the Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation and abolished the Ministry for the Arts. On that same date, all branches of the Ministry (including staff attached to the State Library) were removed from the Ministry and added to the Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation (DASR).

Employees of DASR provide personnel services to the State Library. The table on page 34 provides the number of officers and employees, by occupational classification, who provided services to the Library during 2005/06, with comparison to the previous three years.

**Above** Volunteers with language skills are an integral part of providing multicultural services

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## OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATION (NON CASUAL)

as at 30 June 2006 (Census full-time equivalent)



	2003	2004	2005	2006
Managers & administrators	26.00	25.00	33.80	<b>37.33</b>
Professionals	147.20	145.85	147.77	<b>148.58</b>
Associate professionals	92.05	90.06	85.14	<b>82.81</b>
Tradespersons & related workers	1.00	1.00	2.00	<b>2.00</b>
Advanced clerical & service workers	4.00	4.00	5.00	<b>4.52</b>
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	99.73	93.24	82.99	<b>82.02</b>
Intermediate production & transport workers	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Elementary clerical, sales & service workers	23.57	23.57	25.57	<b>25.53</b>
Labourers and related workers	1.00	1.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>394.55</b>	<b>383.72</b>	<b>382.27</b>	<b>382.79</b>

All employees providing these services received a 4% increase in salaries, wages and allowances with effect from 1 July 2005. The exception is Senior Executive Service (SES) officers who received a 4% increase in their remuneration package with effect from October 2005.

## NUMBER OF SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE (SES) POSITIONS

as at 30 June 2006



Level	2003	2004	2005	2006
5	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
4	1	1	0	<b>0</b>
3	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
2	1	1	1	<b>1</b>
1	2	1	1	<b>1</b>
Number of positions filled by women	2	3	3	<b>3</b>

## Code of conduct

No breaches of the Code of conduct were reported. The code was reviewed and consultation on the revised code will take place in 2006/07. All staff will be informed on the application of the revised code.

One formal grievance was lodged by a staff member during the year. The grievance was resolved at the local workplace level.

## Industrial relations

Together with workplace committee representatives, we reviewed our industrial consultative arrangements. This resulted in the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding. The agreement aims to encourage open and cooperative relations between management and union members, and to provide a forum where genuine effort is made to reach consensus and foster mutual understanding.

During the year, the Joint Consultative Committee consulted on a broad range of issues affecting staff. These included the development of our Graduate Librarian program, staff development, the Reader Services' Alignment project, changes to structure and positions, weekend rosters, leave policy and practices, a bullying and harassment prevention strategy, office accommodation and various new and revised Library policies.



## Performance development

We completed the first stage of a review of our performance development framework. The purpose of the framework is to:

- improve communication between staff and supervisors on individual and team performance
- ensure that staff development needs are addressed
- ensure that each staff member understands their contribution to the Library's strategic goals.

Managers and supervisors were trained in setting performance objectives, giving feedback and creating development plans for individual staff. Implementation of action plans from the program started in the second quarter of 2006. The second stage of the review will be completed in 2007.

## Equal employment opportunity

The Library's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Plan 2004/07 aims to ensure that our policies and practices provide opportunities and support for EEO groups and maintain an equitable and diverse workplace. Our strategies include providing ongoing development and support for women, improving employment access and participation by EEO groups and developing a diverse and skilled workforce.

This year we worked towards these objectives by:

- reviewing our EEO, Sexual Harassment and Grievance Handling policies
- developing a Harassment and Bullying Free Workplace Policy as part of an improved prevention and management strategy
- formulating a training program on harassment and bullying prevention and management for managers and supervisors

### TRENDS IN THE REPRESENTATION OF EEO GROUPS <sup>1</sup>

EEO group	% of total staff				
	Benchmark or target	2003	2004	2005	2006
Women	50	66.0	66.0	66.1	<b>67.0</b>
Aboriginal people or Torres Strait Islanders	2	1.0	0.5	1.0	<b>1.0</b>
People whose first language was not English	20	27.0	26.0	26.0	<b>25.0</b>
People with a disability	12	8.0	8.0	9.2	<b>9.0</b>
People with a disability requiring work-related adjustment	7	2.0	1.6	3.0	<b>2.8</b>

### TRENDS IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF EEO GROUPS <sup>2</sup>

EEO group	Benchmark or target	2003	2004	2005	2006
Women	100	110	113	111	<b>110</b>
Aboriginal people or Torres Strait Islanders	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>n/a</b>
People whose first language was not English	100	89	88	86	<b>86</b>
People with a disability	100	81	79	79	<b>82</b>
People with a disability requiring work-related adjustment	100	n/a	n/a	n/a	<b>n/a</b>

#### Notes

1. Staff numbers are as at 30 June 2006

2. A Distribution Index of 100 indicates that the distribution of the EEO group across salary levels is equal to that of other staff. Less than 100 means that the EEO group tends to be more concentrated at lower salary levels than is the case for other staff

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- providing target group members with training and individual coaching in preparing job applications and interview skills to improve their access to employment opportunities
- providing cultural diversity and disability training for staff working with clients and multicultural teams
- reviewing the Community Language Allowance Scheme to ensure that staff language capabilities match client needs
- testing English improvement strategies for staff from non-English speaking backgrounds
- providing regular training in EEO requirements for members of selection panels
- implementing actions under the 2003/06 disability action plan and developing strategies for 2007/09.

Our Spokeswomen’s Program was reactivated in 2004/05. The program aims to improve equality in the workplace for women in the NSW public sector. This year, the program surveyed staff to identify developmental and support needs for women. A number of activities were organised in response to the survey findings. These included career management, training and fitness activities and information forums with health and wellbeing experts.

Occupational health and safety

Promoting the importance of health and safety in daily activities contributes to our objective of building a culture of continuous improvement and wellbeing. In 2005/06 we continued to invest in training managers and staff and encouraging healthy lifestyle choices thorough information forums with industry experts.

We made progress in identifying and responding to health and safety issues by:

- continuing to implement improvements recommended in our organisation-wide risk assessment in 2003
- modifying emergency and evacuation procedures to improve the standard of our responses
- providing ongoing health and safety training and awareness
- reviewing health and safety inductions for contractors to ensure they are relevant to their needs
- introducing cardio pulmonary resuscitation training for first aid officers.

Our priorities in 2006/07 are to review our injury management policy, evaluate the effectiveness of the evacuation system and conduct an audit of hazards that cause slips, trips and falls.

Occupational Health and Safety Committee

The Occupational Health and Safety Committee continued its role in informing and collaborating with staff on health and safety issues. In 2005/06 the committee:

- completed a full schedule of OHS inspections resulting in the early detection and management of hazards
- tested and improved air quality and light levels to improve the health and comfort of staff and clients’ working environment
- worked with Security staff to review the Library’s perimeter and public access points resulting in fewer incidents and accidents reported for this area.

Injury management

This year we continued to manage compensation and non-compensation cases. Our injury management strategy encourages early intervention and supports the development of effective return to work plans. Our Employee Assistance Program continued to be accessed by staff and their family members for work and non-work related issues.

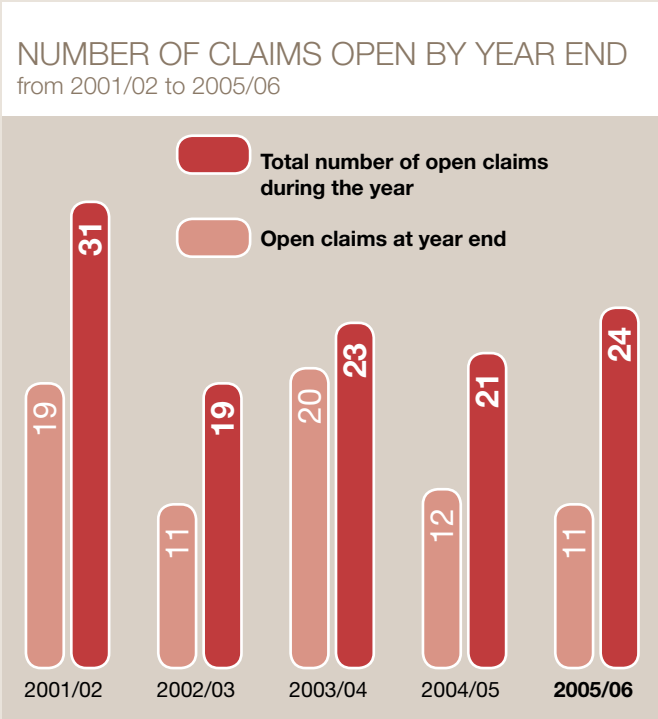
There were 36 incidents and accidents reported in 2005/06. This compares to 59 reported cases in 2004/05. This reduction can be attributed to efforts to improve hazard awareness and prevention initiatives through staff training.



Note: Coloured bars are indicative only and are not drawn to scale

The number of workers compensation claims for this financial year increased from 21 in 2004/05 to 24 in 2005/06. The average cost per claim was \$3768 compared with \$2359 in 2004/05 and \$7214 in 2001/02. The rise in average cost this year compared with 2004/05 is related to active case management and implementation of a range of medical and workplace interventions. Eleven of the 24 claims remained open at the end of 2005/06.

The type of claims reported for 2005/06 remained consistent with previous years. Slips, trips and falls and manual handling were the most common causes of claims. The number of claims made for journeys to and from work accounted for 10 of the 24 claims made in 2005/06. This compares to five of 21 claims made in 2004/05.



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TOTAL NUMBER OF WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS EACH YEAR since 2001/02 to 2005/06			
Number of claims	31	2001/02	
Claims cost*	\$223 649		
Estimate cost*	\$378 200		
Average cost per claim	\$7 214		
Number of claims	19	2002/03	
Claims cost*	\$40 004		
Estimate cost*	\$40 004		
Average cost per claim	\$2 105		
Number of claims	23	2003/04	
Claims cost*	\$40 738		
Estimate cost*	\$40 738		
Average cost per claim	\$1 771		
Number of claims	21	2004/05	
Claims cost*	\$49 552		
Estimate cost*	\$130 123		
Average cost per claim	\$2 359		
Number of claims	24	2005/06	
Claims cost*	\$90 436		
Estimate cost**	\$156 240		
Average cost per claim	\$3 768		

\* 'Claims cost' is the actual amount of money that has been paid on all claims by year end

\*\* 'Estimate cost' is the amount of money which is estimated by Allianz that is to be paid against all current claims in the future

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Staff skills and expertise

The number of staff hours spent in formal training decreased this year when compared to 2004/05, however, it is comparable to 2003/04. The number of training hours was affected by the demands of strategic project work on staff time.

The Library's Training Plan is based on an analysis of our strategic priorities and a formal training needs analysis conducted with managers and supervisors. This year it focused on seven key areas of activity:

1. upgrading technical and professional skills expertise with a major investment in supporting the implementation of a new national searching and cataloguing database, the upgrade of our inhouse searching, circulation and acquisition database and the creation of a new graduate librarian development program
2. developing managers and supervisors through training in performance development, strategic writing, coaching, supervisory skills, leadership and occupational health and safety (OHS) responsibilities
3. maintaining OHS knowledge in ergonomics, handling hazardous substances, safe work methods statements, manual handling, OHS consultation for committee members, emergency evacuation, first aid, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, OHS awareness and responsible service of alcohol
4. maintaining client service skills through ongoing training in cultural diversity, disability awareness and working with difficult clients
5. maintaining the knowledge and skills of staff and supervisors in job analysis, selection techniques and job evaluation
6. supporting the implementation of new software with all-staff information sessions, self-study courses and learning tools
7. developing communication skills through training in writing skills, presentation skills, interview skills and job application skills.

New Graduate Librarian Program

We started a New Graduate Librarian Program to broaden the knowledge and skill base of our future librarians. The program provides a practical application of professional qualifications with in-depth knowledge, experience and development as a well-rounded professional. Two graduates began the 18-month program in March. We also formed a New Graduate Librarian Development Group for staff newly qualified in librarianship or recently appointed to a Librarian Grade 1 position. The group offers a range of activities to promote networking and professional development among new graduate staff.

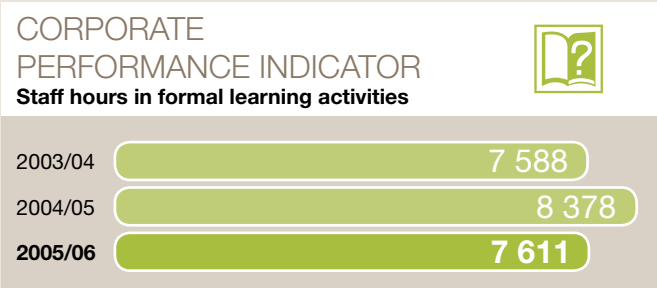


Managing resources

During 2005/06 we continued to review and update our processes and financial management strategies to ensure we made the best use of our resources within budget. This complies with the NSW Government's priority of proficient management. This aim was achieved by returning a net cost of service result within budget.

In 2006/07 and beyond, we will focus the management of our resources on the following strategic objectives:

- continuing development of the atmtchell.com web presence and technology platform for digitising unique and significant items in the Library's collections using funds raised by corporate partners through the Foundation's Capital Campaign; enabling the Library to expand electronic service delivery to the NSW public
- continuing the Offsite Storage Project for relocating collection items to a new special purpose facility at Moorebank; this will secure and preserve collection and corporate record assets for at least 15 years which could not otherwise be accommodated on our premises
- preserving and maintaining the Mitchell Library heritage building, the Macquarie building and the associated infrastructure through the Total Asset Management (TAM) Plan to improve access and facilities to clients and staff
- managing the Library's collections to enhance access through digitisation, storage and preservation initiatives
- providing statewide services to the public libraries of NSW, enabled by the sharing of resources and expertise to meet these community needs.



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## OVERSEAS TRAVEL BY STAFF

Destination	Date	Purpose	Staff member	Total cost (excl. GST)
Malaysia	July	Present paper at Knowledge 2005 Conference	Dr David Jones Manager, Building & Advisory Services	2 732*
USA	July	Present paper at Collaborative Virtual Reference Symposium	Maggie Patton Coordinator, Reading Room Services	5 822#
Norway & Germany	August	Present paper at the 71st World Library & Information Congress; visit Germany	Dagmar Schmidmaier AM State Librarian & Chief Executive	11 495
Canada	September	Present paper at the 4th International Indigenous Librarians Forum	Melissa Jackson Indigenous Services Librarian	5 262
United Kingdom USA	October	Present paper at the Internet Librarian International Conference; visit UK and US libraries	Lucy Arundell Assistant State Librarian, eLibrary Services & CIO	14 343
Germany	October	Library study tour	Grazyna Tydda Coordinator, Information Link Services	1 263
New Zealand	November	Attend Council of Australian State Libraries meeting at National Library of New Zealand	Dagmar Schmidmaier AM	2 927
New Zealand	February	Attend Advanced System Access & Administration workshop; visit NZ libraries	Lynne Billington Systems Librarian	1 767
New Zealand	April	Attend AICCM 2006 Conservation of Paper, Books and Photographic Materials	Lang Ngo Conservator	1 955
New Zealand	April	Library study tour	Tegan Anthes Conservator	2 744

\* includes \$2 407 provided by the Sarawak Government for travel and accommodation

# includes \$5 000 provided by the Colorado State Library for travel, accommodation and registration fees



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## Financial management

In 2005/06 we continued to use financial management strategies with measurable outcomes. Key performance results:

- paid over 90% of accounts on time
- met NSW Government legislative and policy requirements
- achieved net cost of services within budget
- preserved and enhanced the financial reserves.

We undertook four major projects during the year:

- completed the first full year's adoption of the Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AEIFRS) and included the new reporting requirements in the financial statements as part of this annual report
- implemented an online Library Shop whereby high quality print-on-demand images from the Library's collection and other merchandise are available for purchase
- complied with the requirements of the Public Sector Employment Legislation Amendment Act 2006
- finalised the requirements and specifications for the provision and management of the offsite storage facility, leading to the completion of contract negotiations with the successful tenderer.

## EXTERNAL CONSULTANTS ENGAGED

Over \$30 000	Nil
Under \$30 000	Nil

## Investment performance

The investments of the Library Council are managed by the NSW Treasury Corporation. The value of financial reserves by way of investment with TCorp's Hour Glass medium-term growth facility is \$16.7m for 2006, which compares favourably with the 2005 value of \$15.6m.

The average rates of return for 2005/06 compared to the previous year are displayed below, reflecting improved rates for the short-term cash related investments and lower rates for the medium-term market related investments.

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

	2004/05	2005/06
TCorp short-term investments	5.3%	<b>5.5%</b>
Tcorp medium-term growth facility	8.8%	<b>8.3%</b>

## ACCOUNTS PAID ON TIME WITHIN EACH QUARTER

Quarter	Actual %	Target %	Total paid \$'000	Total paid on time \$'000
Sep 05	95	90	10 264	9 802
Dec 05	92	90	8 724	8 063
Mar 06	91	90	20 624	18 722
Jun 06	90	90	20 037	18 092

## Risk management

IAB Services delivers ongoing services to the Library which assist with recognition and review of a wide variety of risk management issues. The work provided by IAB Services complies with the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 4360:2004 *Risk Management*.

During 2005/06 IAB Services completed an organisation-wide business risk assessment encompassing a broad spectrum of the Library's activities, resulting in the creation of the Library's Risk Register which identifies potential risks and mitigation strategies. The overall risk assessment of the Library was rated at moderate to low. Each of the items identified has been reviewed by management and an action plan has been introduced for implementation. Items addressed during the year include the following:

- reviewed the basis for securing the funding of public libraries resulting in grants to public libraries throughout NSW being more effective
- improved security over a specific range of the Library's collections resulting in more effective protection of unique and significant items
- examined the heritage assets of the Library and ensured that their ongoing condition is being preserved as part of the Total Asset Management (TAM) Plan 2006/07 to 2009/10
- ensured projects can be funded through continued efforts in relation to private fundraising resulting in enhanced funding through the State Library Foundation for 2005/06 and additional commitments for the future
- updated the collection and services disaster response plan to maximise protection of the Library's collection items and minimise interruption to the Library's services in the event of a disaster.

This organisation-wide assessment will be the basis for formal IAB Services reviews to be undertaken over the next three years, two of which commenced before the end of 2005/06:

- asset management for buildings and non-collection assets
- private fundraising.

The results of these and other reviews completed in 2006/07 will be advised in the Library's 2006/07 annual report.

## Insurance

The Library's insurance activities are conducted through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund Scheme of self-insurance for government agencies.

## Credit card certification

There have been no irregularities recorded during the year in the use of corporate credit cards and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, we have complied with Premier's memoranda and Treasurer's directions.

## Information management and technology

The Information, Management and Technology (IM&T) Steering Committee revised the IM&T Strategic Plan 2005/07. The plan was approved by Library Council and submitted to the Department of Commerce within the required timeframe. The revised plan focuses on the development of technologies and systems to support independent access to the collections through the atmittchell.com initiative and related projects.

An IM&T Project Office was established to improve the management of IM&T projects and to facilitate the work of the IM&T Steering Committee. The office completed

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PERFORMANCE – aged analysis at the end of each quarter

Quarter	Current up to 30 days \$'000	30 days overdue \$'000	60 days overdue \$'000	more than 60 days overdue \$'000
Sep 05	58	0	0	0
Dec 05	2 361	83	4	0
Mar 06	5 438	35	5	1
Jun 06	2 592	51	3	1

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and issued a major revision of the Library's IM&T Project Management Framework to all staff. The framework is based on international standards and provides a model for all projects with an IM&T component. Twenty-six IM&T projects were registered under the framework in 2005/06.

An Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Services Policy was developed to meet NSW government requirements. The policy sets out conditions for acceptable use of ICT services which the Library provides to staff to undertake their duties. All staff are required to agree to the terms of the policy to use the Library's personal computers.

## **atmitchell.com project**

The atmitchell.com strategic initiative was launched in October 2004 to digitise unique and significant items in our collections and make them available via the Internet. atmitchell.com will be the State Library's web presence and will extend our services to the widest range of users. This objective will be achieved through two key strategies:

- implementing the atmitchell.com website to publish digitised collections for the immediate term
- implementing sustainable and robust technology systems and infrastructure to ensure we have capacity for our future digitisation and web publishing needs.

In 2005/06 the atmitchell.com Project Evaluation Team completed a rigorous selection process to identify systems and suppliers that meet the Library's business requirements and provide best value.

A Metadata Application Profile was also completed. The profile sets out the data that will be used to manage and describe our archival and digital collections in atmitchell.com. It will enable searching across our different catalogue systems and make searching easier and more accurate for clients. The profile uses international standards which will allow the exchange of data with other libraries, archives and museums.

## **Information and Communication Technology standards and governance**

The establishment of enterprise architecture technology standards and an ICT Governance framework were high priorities this year. Thirty-five ICT requests for hardware and software purchases were assessed and approved under the new governance procedures. Fifteen architecture standards for technologies were released including Web Server, Database, Network Security, Data Backup, Desktop PC and Server Hardware. Enterprise-wide technical standards and an ICT Governance framework will facilitate:

- long-term systems planning and budgeting for ICT services
- cost-effective acquisition of ICT hardware and software and a sustainable platform for atmitchell.com
- the ability to exchange data across business applications and systems
- improved management and quality decision making by limiting technology alternatives.

We have continued to implement Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) principles to ensure best practice in computer service delivery. eLibrary Services (eLS) division revised and simplified their Services Charter and will finalise processes for change and incident management in 2006/07.

An eLS Services Catalogue which describes services provided by eLibrary Services division to the State Library was made available on the staff Intranet. The catalogue specifies services that form the basis of Service Level Agreements to be negotiated by eLibrary Services with other Library services and divisions. The Intranet also provides staff with information to support their use of the Library's ICT systems.

## **Technology improvements**

All existing leased desktop personal computer (PC) equipment was replaced with standard PCs running Windows XP. This complied with State Government Guidelines for Information and Communication Technology equipment procurement and contributed towards implementing AS7799 Information Security standard requirements.

An enterprise-wide desktop Standard Operating Environment (SOE) was also implemented on all 500 PCs during the replacement process. The SOE ensures a desired level of protection for electronic information and a consistent hardware and software configuration across the organisation. Computer problems on staff and client PCs can be resolved remotely, reducing computer downtime and enabling a higher level of desktop support services.

We reviewed the Library's Office Document equipment in collaboration with Fuji Xerox Global Services. The review recommended that we retire or dispose of 72 devices (such as printers, copiers, fax and scanners that were more than five years old) and install 41 replacement devices. By standardising and updating office document equipment, we aim to improve printing, copying, fax and scanning services for clients and staff.

## Facilities management

This year we expended \$2.2m in Total Asset Management (TAM) Plan funds on schedule and on budget. Total Asset Management aligns our asset planning and management with our service delivery priorities. In 2005/06 our priorities were to improve amenities for clients and ensure continuity of services, improve security for clients, collections and staff, comply with fire regulations, improve environmental conditions to assist with the preservation of collection materials, and reduce the risk of building leaks causing water damage to collection items.

Significant projects undertaken in 2005/06 included:

- construction of the Domain Terrace cafe
- design work for a new electricity substation for the Mitchell Wing
- additional upgrades to Mitchell Wing air conditioning
- continuation of security upgrades to both buildings
- completion of fire upgrades to comply with requirements for issue of an Annual Fire Safety Certificate (Council of the City of Sydney)
- repairs to rectify leaks affecting exhibition galleries, entrance ways and facilities.

### COMPLIANCE WITH THE NSW HERITAGE ACT 1977 SECTION 170A(4)

State Heritage inventory number	5 045 212
Name	State Library of New South Wales Mitchell Library
Location	Shakespeare Place, Sydney
Level of significance (local or state)	State
Heritage Council endorsed Conservation Management Plan	Yes *
Date of Heritage Council endorsement	10 April 2002
On State Heritage register	Yes
Last inspection date	April 2000
Condition (good, fair, poor)	Fair
Comment on condition	Maintenance funding has been limited
Item in use	Yes
Item occupied	Yes
If not in use or occupied, measures to protect	n/a
Activities (repairs, alterations, re-use, occupancy change)	Maintenance and alterations
<b>Statutory Applications</b>	
Heritage Act Section #	Nil
Approval granted	n/a
Date of commencement	n/a
Works progress update	n/a

\* The Conservation Report for the State Library's Mitchell Wing is due for review in 2007

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In 2006/07 our TAM Plan priorities will include Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) assets as well as built assets. This is in line with changes in Total Asset Management (TAM) Policy implemented by NSW Treasury.

In 2004/05 we received Enhancement Bid funding from NSW Treasury to create an offsite store for low-use collection materials. A contract was signed in February 2006. The store, which is situated at Moorebank in south western Sydney, will be completed by February 2007. This collection repository will meet the Library's offsite storage needs until 2026.

We also reviewed the performance of the operator of the Homebush offsite collection repository. This was to ensure that the operator met specified service delivery requirements.

## **Energy management**

We are committed to achieving savings in energy usage through the use of sustained energy management principles. Since 2000 the Library's Energy Plan has integrated effective energy management processes into our activities and operations.

The Library operates as one large site that purchases electricity on the contestable market. This site purchases 6% of its electricity from renewable sources. The purchase of electricity on the contestable market has achieved a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by purchasing a percentage of green power. State Parliament House supplies the State Library with heated and chilled water for its airconditioning system.

The Library has had an Energy Performance Contract with Honeywell since 2000. During this period the energy efficiency of our airconditioning system has been improved and power and water saving devices have been installed. Our Government Energy Management Plan report for 2005/06 shows that:

- electricity consumption for light and power decreased by 2.3%
- electricity consumption for airconditioning decreased by 7.8%
- our overall use of electricity fell by an average of 4.0%
- gas consumption for air conditioning decreased by 17.3%
- the amount of energy used to operate our airconditioning plant was reduced by 13.1%.

## **Waste avoidance and resource recovery**

The NSW Government priority to reduce waste and increase use of recycled products is implemented through our purchasing policy. Our contract with Fuji Xerox for printing, photocopying and fax services for staff and clients requires them to provide consumables and recycled content where possible.

During 2005/06 the library's recycling achievements were as follows:

- 1407 reams, or 63% of white A4 paper used in copiers, contained recycled content
- 41% of envelopes and 55% of A4 pads and notebooks purchased contained recycled content.

## **Records management**

Our Records Management Program supports management and decision making through access to corporate records. It is working towards full compliance with the *State Records Act 1998* by improving record keeping practices and implementing a program to record and manage the Library's historical corporate records created since 1869.

Two projects that commenced recording a backlog of historical and unregistered files into the records management system (TRIM) have improved our compliance with the Act. These include over 25 000 Mitchell Library historical corporate records created during the period 1899 to 1969 and an assessment of records from the period 1938 to 1988.

We also completed the first stage of a high priority project to develop a functional retention and disposal authority (FRDA). This will authorise the retention and disposal of records unique to the State Library. The project will be completed by June 2007 when the authority is approved and implemented. Its application to current, future and historical corporate records will meet the Library's responsibilities for keeping and disposing of records under the *State Records Act 1998*.

Our priorities in 2006/07 are to:

- provide staff with training on record keeping responsibilities and practices
- complete and meet targets set in the Records Management Strategic Plan 2006/09
- develop a Distributed Management Agreement with State Records for managing records older than 30 years
- develop guidelines for public access to the Library's corporate records.



## Privacy management

The implementation of the Privacy Management Program continues to move the Library towards full compliance with the NSW privacy legislation. The revised Privacy Management Plan was endorsed by Library Council and timely advice was provided to staff on privacy matters affecting staff, clients and public libraries.

The State Library's recommendation to amend the definition of personal information (as part of the 2004 review of the *Privacy and Personal Information Act, 1998*) was included in the 2005 Regulation issued under this Act. The Regulation amended the definition of personal information to exempt from the Act documents held in library collections for the purpose of study, research or exhibition, bringing consistency between the two NSW Privacy Acts. This is an important outcome for the Library as it allows continued access to research material with minimum constraints.

## Research and development

The research and evaluation program provides objective, client focused feedback on our services and programs to support the Library's strategic direction and corporate priorities. This year, the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) named one of the program's first projects, the Mitchell Library Readers Research (1998–1999), in its top ten international benchmark client survey projects.

A range of projects were completed in 2005/06 to support the atmittchell.com initiative, information services, public library services, exhibitions and events and staff services. Major projects completed included:

- an evaluation of AskNow!, the national, collaborative, live reference service. The project reviewed the efficiency, effectiveness and impact of the service from the perspective of clients, librarians, and the Council of Australian State Libraries. The research outcomes were positive with clients defining AskNow!'s value as its real time 'live' nature and the ability to interact with information professionals. Clients considered they could find the information they required without the assistance of AskNow!
- a survey of the NSW Public Library Network which measured their satisfaction with our services. The key findings include 70% of public libraries rate the quality of State Library services as 'excellent/very good', and that they wish to establish a stronger partnership with us. This study provides comparable benchmark information which can be monitored over time.

## Navigator Research Program

The Navigator Research Program evaluates whether Navigators meet their objectives and deliver benefits to clients. In 2005/06 the research program also evaluated the use of the Navigators in external locations. A number of public libraries participated in this research program. The research findings will be used to ensure Navigators launched on atmittchell.com meet client needs. The Navigator Research Program also includes an ongoing program of usability testing and improvement.

## Public library research

The Public Library Network Research Program conducts research and evaluation that supports the promotion, planning, development and review of the NSW public library network, including the State Library. The NSW Public Library Network Research Committee, a sub-committee of the State Library Executive, leads and advises on the development, implementation and management of the program.

In 2005/06 research projects included:

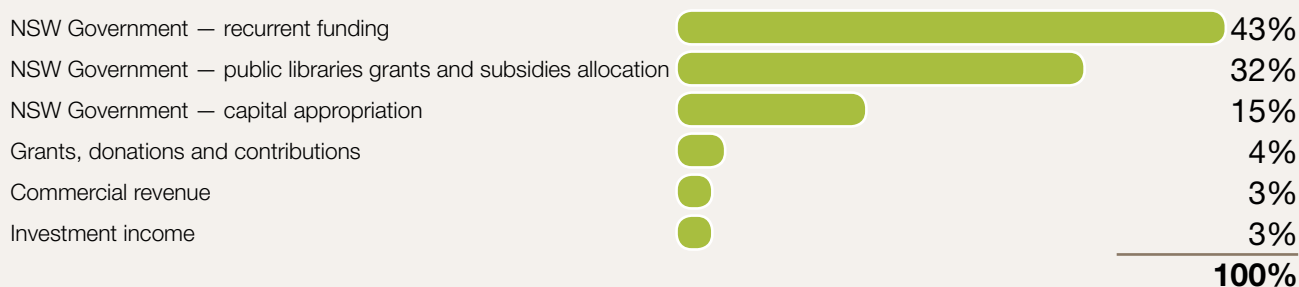
- the evaluation and revision of *People places: A guide for public library buildings in NSW*
- continuing work on the implications of *Public Libraries and eGovernment* research completed in 2005
- preparation for the second phase of the research project, *Sustaining communities: Measuring the value of public libraries*.

## achievements

Financial performance  
at a glance

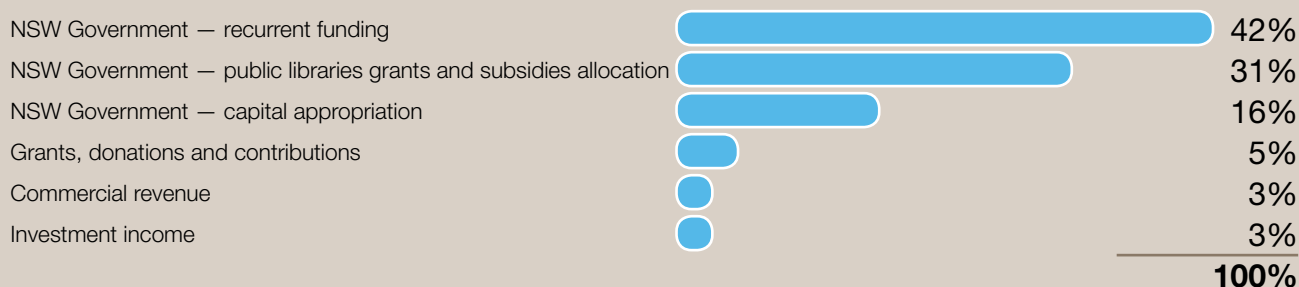
## PERFORMANCES FOR 2005/06

2005 | 06

**Allocation of recurrent resources to programs** Year ended 30 June 2006**Sources of income** Year ended 30 June 2006

## BUDGET OUTLINE FOR 2006/07

2006 | 07

**Allocation of recurrent resources to programs** Year ended 30 June 2007**Sources of income** Year ended 30 June 2007

Note: Coloured bars are indicative only and are not drawn to scale

Opposite page Tasman Map, Mitchell Library vestibule



# corporate overview

overusing  
overvalue /ouə'vælju:  
value highly; put  
/,ouəvæljʊ'eɪʃən/, n.  
**overview** /'ouəvju:  
**overwatch** /ouə'wɒtʃ/ noun & verb  
watching.  
**overwear** /ouə'weə/ verb & noun  
1. to wear or use excessively  
WEAR  
primary /'prɪməri/

## corporate overview

## Members of the Library Council of NSW

as at 30 June 2006

### Performance statement

### Mrs Dagmar Schmidmaier AM

State Librarian, SES Level 5

Appointment at Level 5  
commenced on 7 October 2004,  
retired on 28 April 2006

Total remuneration package: \$237 800

The Director-General has expressed his satisfaction with  
Mrs Schmidmaier's performance of her responsibilities.

### Library Council



Ms Belinda Hutchinson



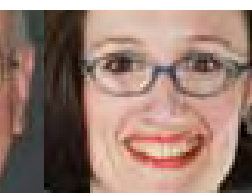
Dr John Barclay



Mr Graham Bradley



Mr Richard Fisher



Dr Bridget Griffen-Foley

The Library Act 1939, as amended by the  
*Cultural Institutions (Miscellaneous Amendments)  
Act 1989*, provides that there shall be a Library  
Council of nine members nominated by the  
Minister and appointed for a three-year term  
by the Governor.

### Ms Belinda Hutchinson

BEC, FCA

President

Company Director

Appointed 1997; current term ends December 2006

Appointed President 1 May 2005 to 31 December 2006

### Dr John Barclay

BA, DipEd, DipLib, MEd, PhD, GradDipEmpRel

Director, Personnel Relations & Equal Opportunity,  
Australian Catholic University

Appointed 2002; current term ends December 2007

### Mr Graham Bradley

BA, LLB, LLM, FAICD

Company Director

Appointed 2004; current term ends December 2007

### Mr Richard Fisher

LLB, MEC

Partner, Blake Dawson Waldron

Appointed 2005; current term ends December 2007

### Dr Bridget Griffen-Foley

BA (Hons), PhD

ARC Queen Elizabeth II Fellow in Modern History and Politics,  
Macquarie University

Appointed 2003; current term ends December 2006

### Mr Robert Knight

BA

Director, Riverina Regional Library

Appointed 2003; current term ends December 2008

### Mr Paul Murnane

BEC, MBA, FFin

Company Director

Appointed 2003; current term ends December 2008

### Mrs Dagmar Schmidmaier AM

BA, DipLib, MLib, Hon.DLitt, FALIA

State Librarian & Chief Executive  
and Secretary to the Library Council

State Librarian from 1995; retired 28 April 2006

### Mr David Sherbon

BA Econ (Hons)

Founding Partner, Committed Capital Pty Ltd

Appointed 1997; resigned 22 May 2006

### Mr Robert Thomas

BEC, MSDIA, SF Fin

Company Director

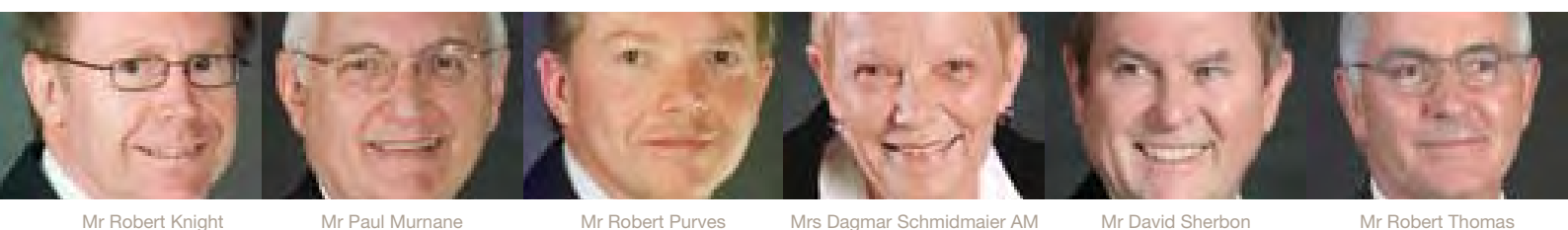
Appointed 1 January 2006; current term ends December 2008

Mrs Schmidmaier, who retired on 28 April, was on target to meet the performance criteria contained in her 2005/06 performance agreement. The State Library has maintained its delivery of high quality library and information services that meet a diverse range of interests and needs.

As the State Librarian, Mrs Schmidmaier was responsible for the administration and management of the State Library and the library services and information services it provides.

The State Librarian is also secretary to the Library Council of New South Wales. The State Librarian is, in the exercise or performance of the State Librarian's powers, authorities, duties and functions under the *Library Act 1939*, subject to the control and direction of the Council.

Information regarding key activities undertaken as part of the State Librarian's responsibilities is contained in this report.



Mr Robert Knight

Mr Paul Murnane

Mr Robert Purves

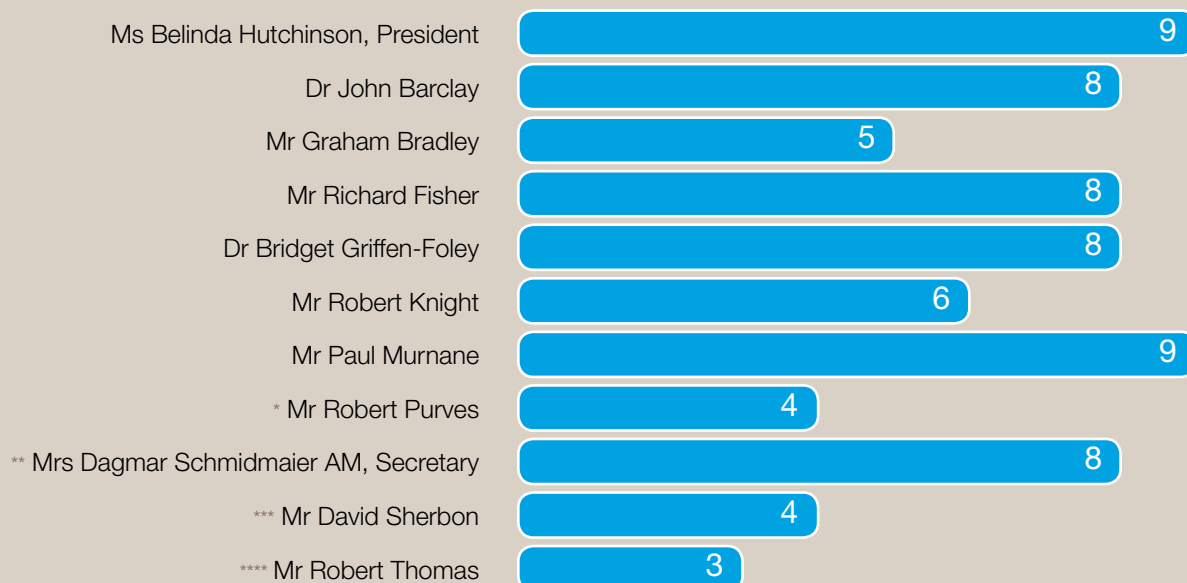
Mrs Dagmar Schmidmaier AM

Mr David Sherbon

Mr Robert Thomas

## COUNCIL ATTENDANCE RECORD

### 9 meetings were held in 2005/06



\* Term expired December 2005

\*\* Retired 28 April 2006

\*\*\* Resigned 22 May 2006

\*\*\*\* Appointed 1 January 2006



## corporate overview

## Standing committees of the Library Council of NSW

as at 30 June 2006

### Audit & Finance Committee

In accordance with the *Library Act 1939*, Section 7B, the Audit & Finance Committee is delegated Council's powers of investment, makes decisions concerning the management of Council and Library Foundation funds, and refers them to Council for information.

#### Members

Mr Paul Murnane (Chair)

Ms Belinda Hutchinson

Mr Robert Thomas

State Librarian & Chief Executive

### Grants Committee

The Committee assesses applications for Library Development Grants received from local authorities in New South Wales; defines priority areas for grants and makes recommendations to the Council about the allocation of these grants, for approval by the Minister for the Arts.

#### Members

Mr Richard Fisher (Chair)

Dr John Barclay

Ms Kathleen Bresnahan, Assistant State Librarian,  
Public Library Services

Mr Cameron Morley, Manager,  
Funding & Advisory Services, Public Library Services

### Fellowships Committee

The Committee assesses applications for the CH Currey Memorial Fellowship, Nancy Keesing Fellowship, Milt Luger Fellowship, honorary Council of Australian State Libraries and Library Council of New South Wales Fellowships, and makes recommendations to the Council about the awarding of the fellowships.

#### Members

Dr John Barclay (Chair)

Dr Bridget Griffen-Foley

Ms Elizabeth Ellis, Assistant State Librarian, Collection  
Management Services & Mitchell Librarian

Mr Paul Brunton (Executive Officer)

### Friends of the State Library of New South Wales Committee

The Committee operated to August 2005.

#### Members

The Hon. David Levine RFD, QC (Chair)

Dr John Barclay

Mrs Pamela Bell OAM

Ms Marina Etherington

Captain John Faulkner AM

Mrs Maureen Fry

Dr Bridget Griffen-Foley

Ms Roslyn McDonald

Ms Margot McKenzie

Ms Penelope Nelson

Mr John Scott Ryrie

Dr Diana Wyndham

### **Public Libraries Consultative Committee**

The Committee provides a consultative framework for the Library Council, the State Library and key stakeholders in local government concerning public library services.

#### **Members**

Mr Robert Knight (Chair), Library Council of NSW  
 Mr Noel Baum, Local Government  
 & Shires Associations of NSW  
 Mr Richard Fisher, Library Council of NSW  
 Councillor Beverley Giegerl, Local Government  
 & Shires Associations of NSW  
 Ms Lynne Makin, Country Public Libraries Association  
 (CPLA)  
 Councillor Sonya Phillips, Vice-President,  
 Metropolitan Public Libraries Association (MPLA)  
 Ms Jan Richards, CPLA  
 Mr Paul Scully, MPLA  
 Ms Frances Sims, MPLA  
 Mr Greg Smith, Local Government Managers Australia,  
 NSW Division  
 Councillor Ewan Tolhurst, Chair, CPLA  
 Ms Kathleen Bresnahan, State Library of New South Wales  
 Mr Cameron Morley, State Library of New South Wales  
 State Librarian & Chief Executive

### **State Library of New South Wales Foundation Trustees**

The Trustees were established by resolution of the Library Foundation Board, with a role to provide strategic direction, policy and financial management of the Foundation funds.

#### **Members**

Ms Belinda Hutchinson (Chair)  
 Mr Graham Bradley  
 Mr Paul Murnane  
 Mr Robert Thomas  
 State Librarian & Chief Executive

#### **In attendance**

Mr Adam Check, Acting Executive Director, Foundation

### **LIAC Advisory Board**

The Board guides the strategic development of the Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC) service.

#### **Members**

The Hon. Mahla Pearlman AO (Chair)  
 Mr Richard Fisher, Blake Dawson Waldron & Member  
 Library Council of New South Wales  
 Mr Bill Grant, Chief Executive Officer,  
 Legal Aid Commission of New South Wales  
 Mr Geoff Mulherin, Director,  
 Law and Justice Foundation of New South Wales  
 Mr Mark Richardson, Chief Executive Officer,  
 Law Society of New South Wales  
 State Librarian & Chief Executive,  
 State Library of New South Wales  
 Professor Gordon Stanley, President,  
 Board of Studies New South Wales  
 Hon. Paul Stein, Chairman, Board of Governors,  
 Law & Justice Foundation of New South Wales  
 Ms Megan Thomas, Director,  
 LawAccess New South Wales

*State Library of NSW  
organisational structure*

as at 30 June 2006

## LIBRARY COUNCIL OF NSW

Department of  
the Arts, Sport  
and Recreation

State Librarian & Chief Executive

Services	<b>Elizabeth Ellis</b> Assistant State Librarian <b>COLLECTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES &amp; MITCHELL LIBRARIAN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collection Development &amp; Management</li> <li>Acquisition &amp; Access to Collection Material</li> <li>Collection Preservation</li> <li>Collection Storage</li> </ul>	<b>Lucy Arundell</b> Assistant State Librarian <b>eLIBRARY SERVICES &amp; CIO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ICT Business Systems</li> <li>IT Operations</li> <li>NSW.net Services</li> <li>Digital &amp; Library Systems</li> </ul>	<b>Wilma Norris</b> Assistant State Librarian <b>INNOVATION, EDUCATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education &amp; Training / Volunteers / Information Officers</li> <li>Events &amp; Exhibitions</li> <li>Merchandising</li> <li>Publications &amp; Design</li> <li>Media &amp; Communications</li> <li>Innovative Projects</li> </ul>	<b>Kathleen Bresnahan</b> Assistant State Librarian <b>PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding &amp; Advisory Services</li> <li>Building &amp; Advisory Services</li> <li>Multicultural Services</li> </ul>	<b>Therese Lake</b> Assistant State Librarian <b>READER SERVICES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading Rooms &amp; Collection Access Services</li> <li>Outreach Services</li> <li>Information Links Services</li> <li>Legal Information Access Centre, Health Information Service and di@yll (drug information at your local library)</li> </ul>
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THE STATE LIBRARY OF NSW **EXECUTIVE TEAM**

Helen Vasilevski

Lucy Arundell

Therese Lake

Kathleen Bresnahan

Wilma Norris

Elizabeth Ellis

## Support

### **Helen Vasilevski**

Director

#### **FINANCE & STRATEGY & CFO**

- Financial Services
- Human Resources
- Facilities & Security
- Policy
- Enterprise Information

### **Adam Check**

Acting Executive Director

#### **FOUNDATION**

- Membership & Donations
- Capital Campaign
- Bequests
- Sponsorship

**Reporting to the State Librarian:** Glasshouse Restaurant / Cafe Trim / Functions / Venue Hire Contract Management

## corporate overview

**Committees of the  
State Library of NSW**

as at 30 June 2006

**Executive Committee**

The Committee is responsible for the strategic development and corporate management of the Library

**Members**

Lucy Arundell, BA, DipLib  
Assistant State Librarian,  
eLibrary Services & Chief Information Officer

Kathleen Bresnahan, BA, AALIA  
Assistant State Librarian, Public Library Services

Elizabeth Ellis, BA, DipLib  
Assistant State Librarian,  
Collection Management Services & Mitchell Librarian

Therese Lake, BA (LibSc), Grad Dip Comm Mgmt  
Assistant State Librarian, Reader Services

Wilma Norris, BA, AALIA  
Assistant State Librarian,  
Innovation Education & Development Services

Helen Vasilevski, B.Bus, CPA  
Director, Finance and Strategy & Chief Financial Officer

**Collection Storage and Access****Steering Committee**

Investigates and advises on high level collection storage and access strategies

Chaired by Jerelynn Brown  
Manager, Collection Services

**Copyright and Intellectual Property Committee**

Provides advice on copyright law reform initiatives and develops Library copyright and intellectual copyright policies

Chaired by Elizabeth Ellis

**Counter-Disaster Management Committee**

Maintains awareness of potential threats to the collection and updates counter disaster plans

Chaired by Heather Mansell  
Manager, Collection Preservation

**Exhibitions Advisory Committee**

Plans the Library's exhibition program and develops related policies, procedures and promotional strategies

Chaired by Wilma Norris

**External Exhibition Loans Committee**

Reviews requests, policy and procedures for external loans to institutional exhibitions

Chaired by Elizabeth Ellis





### **Information Management & Technology (IM&T) Steering Committee**

Monitors the planning, development and implementation of information technology strategies

Chaired by Lucy Arundell

### **Occupational Health & Safety Committee**

Identifies and implements occupational health and safety programs and monitors outcomes according to the Library's OH&S Strategic Plan

Chaired by Shauna Miller

Coordinator, Multicultural Purchasing Cooperative

### **Project 2001 to 2010 Steering Committees**

Develops a strategic, integrated approach to celebrating Project 2001–2010 and advises on the planning, development and implementation of each year of the program

Chaired by Wilma Norris

### **Public Library Network Research Committee**

Conducts research and evaluation to inform the promotion, planning, development and review of NSW public library services

Chaired by Cameron Morley

Manager, Funding and Advisory Services

### **Space Management Committee**

Identifies priorities for building works, develops an overall work plan and oversees work undertaken

Chaired by Helen Vasilevski

### **State Librarian's Staff Fellowship Selection Committee**

Promotes and coordinates the selection of the State Library's Staff Fellowship

Chaired by Niki Kallenberger

### **State Library Joint Consultative Committee**

A forum for discussion of industrial relations issues within the Library

Chaired by Wilma Norris and Trish Leen  
Workplace Committee

### **Volunteer and Staff Council**

Coordinates and promotes the State Library Volunteer Program

Chaired by Barry Nunn

Acting Manager, Education & Training

**Below** Digitisation team — staff from across the Library contribute to the digitisation program



## corporate overview

**Representation on  
key external committees**

as at 30 June 2006

**Australia on the Map NSW Steering Committee**

Cheryl Evans, Curator of Maps

**Australian Standards IT-09 Committee (Computer applications information and documentation)**

Katie Wilson, Manager, Digital &amp; Library Systems

**Australian Pictorial Thesaurus  
Management Committee**

Allison Kingscote, Thesaurus Coordinator

Richard Neville, Manager, Original Materials (Convenor)

**Australian Womens' Archive Project  
Local Joint Committee (NSW)**Elizabeth Ellis, Assistant State Librarian, Collection  
Management Services and Mitchell Librarian**Blake Dawson Waldron Prize  
for Business Literature**Wilma Norris, Assistant State Librarian, Innovation  
Education & Development ServicesStephen Martin, Senior Project Officer, Events and  
Exhibitions**Dictionary of Australian Artists  
Steering Committee**

Elizabeth Ellis

Richard Neville (Editorial Working Group)

**Dictionary of Sydney Project Board**

Elizabeth Ellis

**History Council of New South Wales  
Management Committee**

Elizabeth Ellis

**Kathleen Mitchell Literary Award Judging Panel**

Cameron Morley, Manager, Funding &amp; Advisory Services

**Libraries Australia Advisory Committee**Elizabeth Ellis (representing Council of Australian  
State Libraries)**Local Government Association of NSW and  
the Shires Association of NSW, Library and  
Information Services Reference Group**Kathleen Bresnahan, Assistant State Librarian, Public  
Library Services

Cameron Morley

**Local Government Association of NSW  
and the Shires Association of NSW,  
Community Planning and Services Committee**

Kathleen Bresnahan (Observer)

**National Biography Award**

Rosemary Moon, Manager, Events &amp; Exhibitions

Stephen Martin

**National Plan for Australian Newspapers**

Jerelynn Brown, Manager, Collection Services (Convenor)

**Nita B Kibble Literary Awards Judging Panel**

Jerelynn Brown

**Pacific Manuscripts Bureau  
Management Committee**

Elizabeth Ellis

**PANDORA Consultative Committee**Jim Tindall, Online Resources & Licensing Librarian,  
Collection Services**Parliamentary Precinct Security Committee**

Jim Sinclair, Facilities Manager

**PictureAustralia National Participants Committee**

Richard Neville

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Jones, DJ 2005, 'A culture of partnership: The New South Wales Public Library Network', A shared journey: Social planning for the Bega Valley Shire and beyond, Bega, March

Jones, DJ 2005, 'Advanced Seminar on Library Planning', Pustaka Negeri Sarawak, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia, July

Jones, DJ 2006, 'Getting it right: Strategies for successful public library building projects', Places and spaces: Public libraries for the 21st century in Australia and New Zealand, Adelaide, March–April

Jones, DJ 2005, 'Keeping libraries on the agenda', Knowledge 2005 Conference, Sarawak, Malaysia, July

Jones, DJ 2005, 'People places revisited: Guidelines for public library buildings', Public Libraries Australia Inaugural Conference, Albury, November

Jones, DJ 2006, 'Trends in public library planning', New Approaches to Community Facility and Infrastructure Planning seminar, Planning Institute of Australia, New South Wales Division, June

Joseph, M 2005, 'Libraries and the new ageing challenge', Local Government Community Services Association Conference, Merrylands, October

Miller, S 2005, 'Multicultural Cooperative Coordinator, a unique job for a Library Technician', NeXt 2005: ALIA National Library and Information Technicians Conference, Sydney, September

Molino, L 2006, 'The Health Information Service at the State Library of NSW', ALIA Health Group Conference, Sydney, November

Nunn, B 2006, 'Putting the pieces together: Connectivity, content and confidence', VALA 2006, Melbourne, February

Schmidmaier, D & Doherty, A 2005, 'Pay equity for the library profession: A State Library of New South Wales perspective', IFLA, Oslo, August

Thundatil, N 2006, 'Architecture for implementing electronic services delivery platform – atmittchell.com case study', Web Content Management System for Government, Canberra, May

Wajon, S 2005, 'Digital Originals', Country Public Libraries Australia Conference, Gosford, July



## Presentations

This year Library staff gave 90 presentations at seminars, forums, library openings and a variety of association meetings on a range of subjects and areas of expertise. Presentations took place at the State Library and at locations in Sydney, New South Wales and around Australia.



# additions to the collection

cellany, collected, self-possessed, collecting ring, and riders at an equestrian collection /kə'leɪksən/ noun 1. the of letter-boxes by a paid official, 2. the of objects, specimens, writings, etc., of money collected, especially for gathering of such money. [ME, from collective /kə'lektɪv/ adjective 1. for collection or aggregate; aggregate individuals taken together 5. a the pistils of

# additions to the collection | Additions at a glance

Number of items added this year (excluding manuscripts)	53 640
Linear metres of manuscripts acquired this year	137.51
Current serial titles (physical formats)	14 240
Full-text online serial titles	22 603
Web publications preserved	499
Pages, pictorial images digitised	24 087

## STATE REFERENCE LIBRARY



	Additions 03/04	Additions 04/05	Additions 05/06	Total as at 30.06.06
Monograph volumes	12 587	12 923	10 638	952 156
Bound serials	6 162	6 545	6 299	477 363
Newspaper volumes	776	802	550	54 228
Microforms — reels & fiche	17 900	14 204	13 631	1 032 210
Computer files	347	-91	-2 127	5 785
Audiovisual material — tapes, discs, film, video	606	176	361	34 475
Vertical file material	0	0	0	25 440
<b>Rare Books and Special Collections</b>				
Monograph volumes and bound serials	6	1	0	25 157
<b>Donald MacPherson Collection</b>				
Monograph volumes and bound serials	0	0	0	4 643
<b>Shakespeare Tercentenary Library</b>				
Monograph volumes and bound serials	39	10	1	5 579
<b>Multicultural Service — mono vols, TB, kits</b>	2 287	337	-1 280	62 329
<b>Disability Access Service — LP, TB, RD, CV</b>	-540	962	390	21 254



## MITCHELL LIBRARY



	Additions 03/04	Additions 04/05	Additions 05/06	Total as at 30.06.06
Monograph volumes	10 475	9207	7 974	385 739
Bound serials	2 877	2468	1 917	172 406
Sheet music	33	54	0	22 261
Microforms	2 017	1858	1 776	157 733
Computer files	45	7	2	409
Audiovisual material	0	0	0	590
Posters	188	188	110	8 512
Book jackets	434	352	281	22 207
Ephemera	1 208	1037	1 041	107 088
<b>Manuscripts</b>				
Manuscripts (in linear metres)	169.42	192.78	137.51	10 996.71
Oral history (in hours)	506	755	554	9 288
<b>Maps</b>				
Individual	556	486	326	20 444
Series sheets	190	49	70	78 759
Aperture cards	0	90	0	71 921
<b>Pictures</b>				
Paintings	23	33	4	2 085
Prints and drawings	1 076	2396	1 232	128 022
Realia	34	83	67	3 083
Photographs and negatives	13 579	25196	7 077	1 121 625

## DIXSON LIBRARY (A CLOSED COLLECTION)



	Total as at 30.06.06
<b>Monographs and bound serials</b>	<b>20 970</b>
<b>Manuscripts (in linear metres)</b>	<b>42.9</b>
<b>Pictures</b>	
Portfolios	205
Single items	1 581
Maps	1 082
Realia	268
Coins, tokens, medals	8 156
Paper currency	800
Postage stamps	9 707

## additions to the collection

## Major purchases

Collection material is purchased to document life in NSW and to meet the information needs of people in the state. The following are examples of collection purchases made in 2005/06 with their location number.

### Original materials



*Aerial photographs of Sydney and NSW by Milton Kent.* Milton Kent was one of Sydney's foremost commercial photographers in the early part of the twentieth century. His work is well regarded for its crisp clarity and high quality. This collection — some 4500 glass negatives and 3000 acetate negatives, dating from the 1930s to the early 1960s — contains an extensive set of aerial images of Sydney and regional centres. ML 05/683

*Album of watercolour sketches by George Tobin.* George Tobin, a midshipman on the *Providence*, is known for an album (acquired by the Mitchell Library in 1915) of watercolour sketches he made after Captain William Bligh's second and successful voyage to the Pacific. The recently acquired collection provides fascinating evidence about the construction of a Pacific vision by European artists. ML 06/405

*A map of all Earth and how after the Flood it was divided among the sons of Noah, by J. Moxon Hydrographer to the Kings most excellent Majesty.* In 1671 Joseph Moxon (1627–1700) issued six maps illustrating a biblically inspired rendering of the world, and intended to be bound with bibles. This second state of the map, which showed the discoveries of Abel Tasman, could have come from the 1691 edition of *Sacred Geographie, or Scriptural Mapps*. M2 100/1683/2

*Country life & drought in western NSW, 2002–2005 photographed by Darren Clark.* A professional photographer for *Outback* magazine, Darren Clark has documented life in western NSW, and the impact of the drought on farming communities and townships in this series of 29 colour photographs. PXA 1069.



Photo: Darren Clark

**Above from top** *The Providence and (her Tender) the Assistant, George Tobin, 1791*

*The Robinsons, feeding their cattle with sugar cane. Dunsandle Property. Enngonia, 2002. From the series 'Country life & drought in western NSW, 2002–2005' [photographed by Darren Clark]*

**Opposite page** An audit and condition survey of oil paintings and frames was completed



*Further papers and music manuscripts of Ross Edwards AM, c. 1966–2002.* One of Australia's finest composers, Sydney-born Ross Edwards received early recognition. Since 1980 Dr Edwards has worked chiefly as a composer, receiving numerous commissions, residencies, fellowships and awards. This addition to his papers includes audio and video material as well as manuscripts. ML 250/98

*Letter from Louis de Freycinet to Barron Field, from Rio de Janeiro, 6 July 1820.* French voyager Louis de Freycinet wrote this letter after his ship *Uranie* was wrecked off the Falkland Islands. Freycinet had spent six weeks in Sydney in 1819 during the *Uranie*'s world voyage. His letter offers a very graphic account of the wrecking of *Uranie* and indicates the warmth of relationships with Sydney friends such as Barron Field, a judge of the NSW Supreme Court. ML 331/06

*Letters from Dorothea Mackellar to Evelyn Fanning, 1930–1939.* Dorothea Mackellar is best known as a poet and author of 'My Country', first published in 1908 under the title 'Core of My Heart'. Evelyn Fanning assisted Dorothea Mackellar to type her manuscripts and letters during the 1930s. Mackellar writes to Fanning about her health and makes arrangements for Fanning to type her manuscripts and correspondence. ML MSS 7647

*Letters received by Patrick White from family and friends, 1947–1953.* This small collection of letters was found in White's home, Dogwoods, after it was sold. Correspondents include White's mother Ruth and his cousins Betty Withycombe and Peggy Garland. In the late 1950s, White quarrelled with Withycombe and they stopped corresponding. In the 1970s White asked her to return the letters he had written. He subsequently burnt them. Her letters to him survived, left behind at Dogwoods. They are possibly the only record of White's long correspondence with Withycombe. MLMSS 7622

## Printed and electronic resources

*Martha Ford's journal of a voyage from Gravesend to Sydney, in the 'City of Edinburgh', 1836–37, together with her commonplace book, 1832–1853.* Martha Ford and her husband Samuel were missionaries with the Church Missionary Society. Martha Ford's journal is an excellent account of an early emigrant voyage and records the family's daily life in Sydney including socialising with well-known colonial families. MLMSS 7605

*Papers of Cyril Grant Lane, 1890s–1900s.* Lane was a traveller, lecturer, and author in the grand Victorian tradition. He travelled across the east coast of Australia, recording and photographing his experiences. Lane's stories are full of colloquial Australian bush characters, Aboriginal people and bush animals. The collection includes a draft of an unpublished work, *Adventures with Blacks and Bushmen in Australian Wilds*. ML 331/06

*Sketches and manuscripts belonging to Major James Wallis.* Of the 46th Regiment, James Wallis was stationed in Australia between 1814 and 1819. In his capacity as commandant of Newcastle he became a significant patron of the arts. It seems he also befriended the local Awakabal people, and forged a close friendship with Burigon, an Aboriginal leader of the district. The collection provides some fascinating insights into the life of an officer gentleman in the early days of the Colony. ML 06/399

*Sketches for a House in Sydney by Jørn Utzon.* Not long after Jørn Utzon moved to Sydney to supervise the construction of the Sydney Opera House, he purchased land at Bayview where he intended to design and build a house for his family. This notebook of 19 sketches, one dated in 1965, contains preliminary sketches and ideas for the house. The house was never built. PXA 1070

*View of part of Hawkesbury River ... 1809 by George William Evans.* This highly finished watercolour, attributed to colonial artist George William Evans, depicts the area of confluence of the Nepean, Hawkesbury and Grose rivers – the headwaters of the Hawkesbury River. As the 'food bowl' of the colony, the Hawkesbury River was an important part of colonial life, and a reasonably common subject for artists. SV/123

*Atlas de l'Océan pacifique dressé* by Ivan Fedorovich Kruzenstern, St. Pétersbourg [Leningrad]: Publié par ordre de Sa Majesté Imperiale, 1824. This atlas records the scientific results of Kruzenstern's voyage around the world from 1803 to 1806. It was the first Russian circumnavigation and it represents the first published systematic charting of Australasia and the islands of the South Pacific. The charts include the map of Australia derived from Flinders' chart of 1814. v.[1] Atlas: Hemisphere Austral: MRB/ X3; v.[2] Recueil: Hemisphere Austral. MRB/ Q15

*The cantatas of JS Bach: With their librettos in German-English parallel text* by Alfred Dürr, revised and translated by Richard DP Jones, Oxford: New York: Oxford University Press, 2005. This commentary on the Bach cantatas by one of the world's notable Bach scholars is published in English for the first time. It includes all the cantata librettos in German–English parallel text, the history of the cantata before Bach and the development of the cantata by Bach. N782.24092/ 2

*Copy of a letter addressed to a celebrated clown Joey, from a juvenile convict bound to Botany-bay*, London: no. 2, Sandy's-row, Artillery-lane, Bishopsgate-without: R Marks, 1816 Sept. 30. This hand-coloured etching provides a satirical commentary on society and culture in Great Britain as seen through the eyes of a young convict waiting to be transported to the colony of NSW. M MRB/ F14

*Documents in international economic law* by Francis Botchway, ed., London: Routledge, 2006. This work is a collection of primary material relating to economic activity and includes the full text of over 100 international treaties and agreements, providing information on the global economy and trade. The treaties range from the Treaty of Westphalia (1648) to the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (1994). REF/ NQ341.75/ 2

*Doing business with China*, Jonathan Reuvid and Li Yong (eds), 5th edn, Sterling, Va.: GMB Pub., 2005. This up-to-date and authoritative guide provides information about structural and legal changes now underway in China, and promotes China as an attractive investment option with rapidly developing consumer markets. REF/ NQ330.951/ 14

*Dorothy Lamour's life as a phrase book* by Noëlle Janaczewska, Katoomba, NSW: Wayzgoose, 2006. This artist's book, with a limited edition of 30 copies, was designed and illustrated with multicoloured linocuts by Mike Hudson and set in a variety of types by Jadwiga Jarvis. The linocuts are illuminated by hand, making each copy in the edition unique. M MRB/ F17

*Encyclopaedia of documentary film*, Ian Aitken, ed., New York: Routledge, 2005. This three-volume encyclopaedia explores themes, issues, and representations in documentary film, including human rights, modernism, homosexuality, and World War I. Significant films and filmmakers are represented, including less well-known films and filmmakers from India, Bosnia, China and eastern European countries. REF/ NQ070.18/ 2

*Fashiontrend Australia*, Fitzroy, Vic.: Ellikon Press, 2005. V1, n1+. This quarterly journal reflects developments in the Australian fashion industry and documents Australian fashion trends, industry, events and culture. Q746.9205/ 4

*Governments of the world: A global guide to citizens' rights and responsibilities* by C Neal Tate, editor-in-chief, Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006. This comparative work on governments of the world includes information about countries and topics in the study of government, biographies and political concepts, and terms such as human rights, censorship, war crimes, common law, and dictatorship. REF/NQ320.303/1-4 vol.

*Handbook of information security* by Hossein Bidgoli, ed., Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2005. This work considers security measures in computer networks including the Internet. Key concepts, infrastructure, standards and protocols in the information sector are examined. It identifies social, legal, and international issues, and covers methods of secure information transfer. NQ005.8/ 15

*House of Commons Parliamentary Papers (19th and 20th Century)*, Ann Arbor, Mich.: Proquest Information and Learning, 2005. This online version is the only complete collection of papers presented in the British House of Commons from 1801 to 2000. *HCPP* is a primary source for the British Empire including Australia, encompassing legislation, reports and government papers as well as papers from the Lords presented in the Commons. Accessible via databases link on PCs in the reading rooms. Registered clients can access the database via our website.

*Le Neptune Oriental dédié au roi* par M. d'Après de Manneville, A Paris: Chez Demonville, 1775. This atlas contains 32 charts of the East Indies — or South-East Asia. Some are double paged. Jean-Baptiste-Nicolas-Denis d'Après de Manneville, an experienced sailor and one of France's earliest and most influential hydrographers, was the first to use the method of measuring distances of the sun and moon to determine longitude. MRB/ X4

*The Oxford English Dictionary Online*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000+. The OED is the authority on the English language and a source of information on the meaning, history and pronunciation of English words. It provides over 500 000 definitions, traces the use of words through 2.5 million quotations, provides etymological analysis, details variant spellings and uses the International Phonetic Alphabet to indicate pronunciation. Accessible via databases link on PCs in the reading rooms. Registered clients can access the database via our website.

*The Thailand–Burma Railway, 1942–1946: Documents and selected writings* by Paul H Kratoska, ed., London: Routledge, 2005. This multi-volume work provides in-depth information including personal accounts documenting the construction of the Burma–Siam railroad by prisoners of the Japanese forces during World War II, 1939–1945. It includes intelligence reports, documents, post-war accounts, information about the disposal of the railway, maps, photographs and a bibliography. N940.54725/ 7 SET v. 1-6

*Voyage de découvertes aux terres australes: exécuté par ordre de sa Majeste, l'Empereur et Roi, sur les corvettes le Geographe, le Naturaliste et la Goelette le Casuarina, pendant les années 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803 et 1804.* Compiled by Francois Péron in 1807 and illustrated by Charles Alexandre Lesueur and Nicholas Petit, this volume is a special presentation folio of the atlas on large paper. Produced in limited numbers and bound in contemporary crimson morocco, with gilt edges and blue moiré silk endpapers, it includes 40 engraved maps and plates. The atlas is an example of French scientific cartography. (1800–1804). MRB/ F18

## additions to the collection

*Women writing home, 1700–1920: Female correspondence across the British Empire*, Klaus Stierstorfer, ed., London: Pickering & Chatto, 2006. The letters in this collection reveal how women perceived colonial society throughout the empire. The new world offered new opportunities but often the women pined for what they had left behind. The second volume features women who went to Australian colonies, including convicts, pioneering settlers, wives and daughters of agricultural, military, religious or the governing elite. Some became entrepreneurs managing extensive farms, small businesses or inns. N920.72091/ 1

*The world atlas of language structures*, Martin Haspelmath, ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005. Using regional maps to highlight the world's linguistic diversity, the atlas shows the structural properties of languages including features of pronunciation and grammar. The accompanying interactive CD-ROM enables the reader to zoom in on and customise the maps, display bibliographical sources, and establish correlations between features. NF415.90223/ 1 DISC

*World Cup Football* by Peter Murray, Gilberton, SA: Murray Books, 2006. Featuring an unusual black and white padded binding in the shape of a football, this book contains profiles of all the competing teams that contested the 2006 FIFA World Cup in Germany, including the Socceroos. M Q796.33/9

## Deposits & donations

Each year material received through deposit, donation, transfer and bequest enriches the collection. Printed materials published in NSW are received under the Legal Deposit provisions of the NSW *Copyright Act 1879*. NSW Government publications are deposited as required by the Premiers Memorandum 00-15: Access to published information: Laws, policy and guidelines.

### Highlights in 2005/06:

- 1626 books and 916 journal titles were deposited by NSW government agencies
- 382 new 'born digital' titles from NSW government agencies were identified and archived
- 4071 books and 7588 journal titles, including 444 new titles as well as newspapers, posters, calendars and performance programs, were received from commercial and private NSW publishers through Legal Deposit
- printed material, including 85 new journal titles and 1243 books, was accepted from donors
- original material was accepted from donors to the value of \$155 553, including \$125 043 under the Cultural Gifts Program.

### Select list of donations and deposits

Six newspapers first published in 2005/06 were received through Legal Deposit:

- *The Asia Pacific Voice*, West Hoxton, NSW: Asia Pacific Voice, January 2006 – TN1202
- *Barrier Miner*, Broken Hill, NSW: Lifestyle Company, December 2005 – TN1197
- *Braidwood Times: Incorporating the Tallaganda Times* (continues *Tallaganda Times*) Braidwood, NSW: Rural Press, July 2005 – TN496
- *Hunter Advocate*, Newcastle, NSW: Grassroots Media, October 2005 – TN1198
- *MX*, Sydney, NSW: Nationwide News Pty Ltd., July 2005 – TN1187
- *The Riverina Times*, Griffith, NSW: Dobija Design & Publishing, May 2005 – TN1194.



*1880 – 2005, 125 years of care: The Children's Hospital at Westmead* by Jennifer Cornwall, Bondi Junction, NSW: Focus Publishing, 2005. Q362.19892/17

*200 years of surfing literature: An annotated bibliography based on Daved Marsh's The Water Log*, by Timothy T. DeLa Vega, Hawaii: Timothy T. DeLa Vega, 2004. This comprehensive bibliography of surfing related literature is a resource for collectors, students, scholars and journalists. It includes books, articles and early, published references from over the last 200 years. 797.32016/ 1

*Aboriginal scarred trees in New South Wales: A field manual* by Andrew Long, Hurstville, NSW: Department of Environment and Conservation, 2005. The subject of this treatise is trees that have been scarred by Aboriginal people through removal of bark or wood. Wood was traditionally used for a range of daily tasks such as constructing shelters, watercraft and containers. NQ994.40049/ 3 and Q994.40049/ 7

*Australian FourFourTwo*, No. 1, November, McMahon's Point, NSW: Haymarket Media, 2005 –. Billed as the 'ultimate football magazine', this monthly magazine celebrates Australian soccer mania with information about the players and the game. Q796.33405/8

*Australian SeaChange: Your Coastal Living Magazine*, Vol. 1, No. 1, winter 2005, Newcastle, NSW: Australian SeaChange Magazine, 2005 –. This quarterly magazine reflects the growing aged population and changing lifestyles in Australia. Q052.0994/7

*The Corrimal Post & Northern Suburbs Messenger, The Bulli Times, and the Northern Times*. The Library seeks to fill gaps in NSW newspaper titles to ensure that a complete record of every NSW newspaper is preserved. The Library received missing issues of these three newspaper titles. Presented by Mick Roberts. TN778, TN1193

*The Dutch down under: 1606–2006*, Nonja Peters, ed., Sydney, NSW: CCH Australia, 2006. This book focuses on the socio-economic and cultural impact of migration from the Netherlands to Australia following first contact in 1606, when the Dutch vessel *Duyfken* mapped part of the coast of north Queensland. Q304.89404/ 5

*Identification of skill needs in nanotechnology* by Lothar Abicht, Henriette Freikamp & Uwe Schumann, Luxembourg: Office for Official Publications of the European Communities, 2006. This title, produced by the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, provides comparative information about training needs in the specialised field of nanotechnology. It was received through the Library's participation as a full deposit institution for European Community publications. NQ620.5/ 32

*Lane Cove Tunnel Project* [website], North Ryde, NSW: Lane Cove Tunnel Company, c. 2006 –. The official website of the Lane Cove Tunnel Project includes an overview of the project, information on design, construction, environmental issues, tolling, as well as updates, an interactive map, pictures and contacts. The Library will regularly capture this archive to ensure changes are documented. Find the link through the WEBCAT catalogue.

*Listy z Australii* by Romana Gronowskiego, Toruń: Oficyna Wydawnicza Kucharski, c. 2005. Roman Gronowski is editor of the Polish language newspaper *Tygodnika Polskiego* in Australia. This title provides insight into life in Australia through the eyes of a Polish immigrant. 070.51092/ 1

Lyric Records CDs. This collection of 34 CDs features the music Australians were listening to from the 1920s through to the 1950s. The tracks were recorded on 78 r.p.m. discs and early vinyl records by Lyric Records. Donated by Geoffrey Orr. RAV/DISC 4/ collection

*Putting skirts on the sacred benches: Women candidates for the New South Wales Parliament* [website], Melbourne, VIC: Australian Women's Archives Project, 2006 –. This site lists and recognises the contributions and achievements of over 700 women who stood as candidates for the NSW Parliament. Entries contain links to further bibliographical and archival resources. Find the link through the WEBCAT catalogue.

*Re-emergence of street markets: Contribution to invigorate local economies*, Wolfgang Fischer ed., Lohmar, Köln: Josef Eul Verlag, c. 2005 (Research monograph, James Cook University of North Queensland, Department of Economics). Investigates the history and resurgence of street markets in subsistence and developed economies. Chapters 3 and 4 look at the structure of the retail industry in Australia and perceptions by consumers and small business of street markets in Australia. N658.8343/ 20

*Miniature portraits of William and Anna Cox* by Charles Rodius. Convict artist Charles Rodius made these pencil miniature portraits of the well-known colonist and road builder, William Cox, and his second wife in 1830. They are the earliest known portraits by Rodius. Presented by Mary Hill. ML 1379 & ML 1380



*Further literary papers of Kate Grenville 1974–2003*. The Sydney born novelist won Britain's prestigious Orange Prize for Literature in 2001 for *The Idea of Perfection* (1999). This collection includes drafts and research for earlier works including *Dark Places* (1994), *Joan Makes History* (1988) and *Lilian's Story* (1986). ML 1914/84



Photo: L. Graham

*Papers of Manoly Lascaris and Patrick White 1922–1996*. Manoly Lascaris met Patrick White in 1941 when White was serving in Egypt with the Royal Air Force. In 1948 Lascaris migrated to Australia to be with White. This private

collection includes Lascaris' personal and family documents and a series of letters Patrick White wrote in 1957 from their home, Dogwoods, at Castle Hill, to Lascaris who was on a visit to Greece. MLMSS 7593

*From the skies: Aerial photographs of Sydney in 1943*, RTA/Pub.05.105 <[www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)> ISBN 1920907297 1 CD-ROM. In 1943, aircraft flew at 2600 metres over Sydney to take, for the first time, a series of photographs to aid road planning. The 1943 aerial photos have been held in the archives

of the Roads and Traffic Authority for more than 60 years and are now available in a navigable format on CD-ROM. MAV/DISC10/415

**Above** *William & Anna Cox*, two miniature portraits by Charles Rodius, 1830

Novelist Kate Grenville's literary papers 1974–2003 are now in the collection [photographed by L. Graham]

**Opposite page** Kogarah Council Library



# public library grants & subsidies

public library  
grants & subsidies**Allocation of  
public library funds**

In 2005/06 the NSW State Government provided \$24.8m to fund the development of public library services in NSW. This included an additional \$2.4m over funds allocated in 2004/05. It also marked the seventh consecutive annual increase in funding for public library services.

As a result of the funding increase, the Public Libraries Consultative Committee (PLCC) reviewed the funding arrangements. The committee developed the *Public Library Funding Strategy* which was approved by Library Council and the Minister for the Arts. The strategy supersedes previous funding arrangements.

**First Steps: Lapsit Program**

Sutherland Shire libraries used their library development grant of \$9558 to start a four-week program for babies and their parents.

The 'First Steps: Lapsit Program' starts babies from six to 18 months on the road to childhood literacy. For 30 to 40 minutes each week, the youngest members of the library sing, listen to simple, board-book stories and watch finger plays while sitting on their parent's lap.

Parents responded enthusiastically to the program. Many continued to use songs, rhymes and stories with their babies outside the program and to visit the library with their babies when the program ended.

Photo: Sutherland Shire Library

'First Steps' promotes the importance of reading with very young children, and encourages the use of board books. Since the start of the program, the number of

board books loaned per month has increased by more than 40%.

Building on the success of the Lapsit Program, in February 2006 Sutherland Library started a 'drop in rhyme time' program for babies six to 18 months old.

**Above from top** Public library staff at a Strategic Searching training program

Enjoying the Lapsit Program at Sutherland Shire Library [photo courtesy of Sutherland Shire Library]

## ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDS

**TOTAL****\$24 799 000**\$24.8m was allocated through the *Public Library Funding Strategy 2005/06* as follows:**Prescribed funding****\$12 446 254**\$1.85 per capita, as prescribed in the *Library Act 1939* and the *Library Regulation 2005***Disability and geographic adjustments****\$6 130 088**

- allocated to each council and calculated on previous financial year payments to local government authorities, adjusted for:
  - population increase / decrease
  - distribution of 2005/06 increase in State Government funding of \$2 377 450
  - the disability component of the adjustments totals \$745 668

**Library Development Grants including refunds to councils previously amalgamated****\$3 416 123**

- Library Development Grants are a competitive grant program for the purpose of improving library services
- Grants are approved by the Minister for the Arts on the recommendation of the Library Council

**NSW.net****\$1 940 000**

- allocated to NSW.net for statewide connectivity and content services for public libraries

**Cooperative and networking activities****\$439 935**

- 2% of total funding allocated to cooperative and networking activities supported by the Library Council
  - Multicultural Purchasing Cooperative
  - Interlibrary Loan Van Subsidy
  - Statewide network
  - Professional development
  - Statistics database
  - Research projects

**State Library services to public libraries****\$281 100**

- allocated to State Library services to support the provision of public library services to local authorities

**Vision Australia****\$145 500**

Note: Expenditure for the 2005/06 allocation may vary slightly due to timing issues

# public library grants & subsidies

## Library Development Grants

Council	Project category	Amount \$
Ballina	Collection	9 093
Bathurst	Collection	10 000
Baulkham Hills	Local Studies	12 770
Bega	Mobile Library	136 811
Blacktown	Young Adult Services	25 200
Bombala	Local Studies	16 140
Bourke	Technology	24 056
Broken Hill	Services to Remote Communities	94 900
Burwood	Technology – Internet Access	35 270
Byron	Reader Printer	19 449
Cabonne	Building – Renovations	15 665
Camden	Building – Fitout	200 000
Canada Bay	Reader Printer	27 512
Canterbury	Collection – Multicultural	66 708
Clarence Valley	Technology – Mobile Library	41 013
Clarence Valley	Collection	91 928
Coffs Harbour	Local Studies	10 547
Cooma-Monaro	Collection	19 479
Cootamundra	Library Management System	81 340
Deniliquin	Building – Extension	157 500
Forbes	Building – Fitout	6 982
Great Lakes	Collection	35 003
Hawkesbury	Collection	25 680
Hay	Building – Extension	200 000
Holroyd	Promotion	5 274
Hornsby	Local Studies – Digitisation	4 391
Inverell	Building – Extension	200 000
Kempsey	Collection	60 000
Kogarah	Building – Fitout	200 000

Council	Project category	Amount \$
Kogarah	Promotion	47 357
Kyogle	Collection	45 603
Lake Macquarie	Promotion	56 300
Lane Cove	Technology – Internet Access	27 020
Lismore	Technology – Disability	6 755
Lithgow	Library Management System	37 995
Liverpool	Building – Fitout	18 669
Manly	Outreach Services	25 022
Mosman	Local Studies	19 000
Nambucca	Collection – Children	60 450
Narrandera	Young Adult Services	11 019
Newcastle	Library Management System	70 726
Newcastle	Collection	20 794
North Sydney	Local Studies	28 455
Parkes	Collection	147 598
Parramatta	Library Management System	149 670
Pittwater	Collection	15 601
Port Stephens	Reader Printer	16 961
Queanbeyan	Collection – Multicultural	25 200
Randwick	Young Adult Services	10 983
Richmond Valley	Collection	15 852
Strathfield	Collection	25 000
Tenterfield	Collection – Children	13 923
Urana	Library Management System	80 140
Warren	Collection	20 000
Waverley	Young Adult Services	12 324
Willoughby	Young Adult Services	17 019
Woollahra	Local Studies	25 900
Young	Children's Services	2 308



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<b>Council</b>	<b>Population 2004</b>	<b>State funding subsidy &amp; disability/ geographic adjustment 2005/06</b>	<b>Total local government expenditure voted July 2005 to June 2006 \$</b>	<b>Per head \$</b>
Albury	46 520	123 795	1 471 876	31.64
Armidale Dumaresq	24 596	82 869	1 002 414	40.76
Ashfield	40 258	106 676	1 253 119 #	31.13
Auburn	62 797	164 588	1 954 986	31.13
Ballina	39 546	106 518	1 042 700	26.37
Balranald	2 737	22 040	76 051	27.79
Bankstown	175 428	431 216	5 610 772	31.98
Bathurst Regional	36 630	109 524	1 061 300	28.97
Baulkham Hills	157 854	387 265	4 583 181	29.03
Bega Valley	31 955	99 416	833 245	26.08
Bellingen	12 720	48 218	342 367	26.92
Berrigan	8 188	37 349	420 728	51.38
Blacktown	278 532	692 422	11 156 624	40.06
Bland	6 552	34 356	247 704	37.81
Blayney	6 688	29 891	97 450	14.57
Blue Mountains	77 011	198 746	1 745 125	22.66
Bogan	3 122	22 919	175 800	56.31
Bombala	2 545	20 926	87 045	34.20
Boorowa	2 476	20 123	47 025	18.99
Botany Bay	37 192	99 372	1 043 756	28.06
Bourke	3 924	28 601	177 113	45.14
Brewarrina	2 143	22 016	70 745	33.01
Broken Hill	20 440	69 974	912 760	44.66
Burwood	31 085	86 018	930 525	29.93
Byron	30 724	86 556	1 027 743	33.45
Cabonne	12 626	45 125	164 295	13.01
Camden	50 302	133 087	1 654 716	32.90
Campbelltown	149 961	369 101	5 504 163	36.70
Canada Bay	66 148	180 459	1 277 000	19.31
Canterbury	135 048	337 312	4 576 566	33.89
Carrathool	3 308	24 939	181 952	55.00
Cessnock	48 143	128 794	1 144 600	23.78
Clarence Valley	49 422	192 147	463 689	9.38
Cobar	5 020	31 345	208 941	41.62
Coffs Harbour	66 529	169 568	1 323 400	19.89
Conargo	1 791	31 457	50 397	28.14
Coolamon	4 111	24 047	85 000	20.68
Cooma-Monaro	9 773	39 672	304 625	31.17

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Coonamble	4 728	28 026	156 589	33.12
Cootamundra	7 596	33 575	214 182	28.20
Corowa	10 964	45 948	127 632	11.64
Cowra	13 147	46 741	264 394	20.11
Deniliquin	8 214	37 173	229 826	27.98
Dubbo	39 077	105 580	1 097 554	28.09
Dungog	8 379	34 149	192 220	22.94
Eurobodalla	35 902	107 519	790 990	22.03
Fairfield	187 683	466 816	4 719 244	25.14
Forbes	9 974	39 476	175 574	17.60
Gilgandra	4 682	25 317	106 944	22.84
Glen Innes Severn	8 765	50 686	272 872	31.13
Gloucester	4 902	26 642	206 572	42.14
Gosford	162 841	404 292	5 909 726	36.29
Goulburn Mulwaree	27 003	85 667	657 625	24.35
Great Lakes	34 186	103 166	1 120 601	32.78
Greater Hume	10 652	61 597	197 655	18.56
Greater Taree	46 474	123 574	4 349 200 *	93.58
Griffith	24 909	77 619	602 194	24.18
Gundagai	3 763	23 362	232 507 **	61.79
Gunnedah	12 164	44 358	312 919	25.73
Guyra	4 441	24 942	97 092	21.86
Gwydir	5 581	45 620	117 400	21.04
Harden	3 771	23 635	38 265	10.15
Hawkesbury	63 598	168 840	2 063 865 **	32.45
Hay	3 549	25 485	87 038	24.52
Holroyd	91 211	227 500	2 419 937	26.53
Hornsby	156 929	385 414	3 666 056	23.36
Hunters Hill	13 911	45 078	488 600	35.12
Hurstville	75 640	189 818	4 705 730	62.21
Inverell	15 729	53 674	1 819 803	115.70
Jerilderie	1 883	18 681	52 683	27.98
Junee	5 887	27 893	156 615	26.60
Kempsey	28 114	81 569	898 581	31.96
Kiama	20 176	60 254	722 824	35.83
Kogarah	55 012	140 736	1 789 918	32.54
Ku-Ring-Gai	108 830	269 439	3 653 800	33.57
Kyogle	9 628	37 964	204 928	21.28
Lachlan	7 431	38 412	331 539 **	44.62

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Lake Macquarie	189 196	466 251	7 701 969	40.71
Lane Cove	32 341	86 414	2 603 862	80.51
Leeton	12 028	47 221	271 738	22.59
Leichhardt	51 430	131 287	1 788 505	34.78
Lismore	43 229	112 364	1 027 100	23.76
Lithgow	20 831	63 452	569 800	27.35
Liverpool	167 880	427 068	5 219 429	31.09
Liverpool Plains	7 910	39 013	156 800	19.82
Lockhart	3 528	22 719	78 837	22.35
Maitland	59 949	154 558	1 328 705	22.16
Manly	38 987	101 466	2 545 000	65.28
Marrickville	75 870	190 260	3 888 990	51.26
Mid-Western	22 137	84 035	875 306	39.54
Moree Plains	16 027	61 272	295 202	18.42
Mosman	28 420	77 618	1 932 245 ##	67.99
Murray	6 604	33 419	111 914	16.95
Murrumbidgee	2 636	21 190	16 907 #	6.41
Muswellbrook	15 195	51 566	593 694	39.07
Nambucca	18 525	59 704	389 900	21.05
Narrabri	14 239	51 999	298 528	20.97
Narrandera	6 594	31 464	259 374	39.33
Narromine	7 020	31 350	230 390	32.82
Newcastle	145 633	357 942	7 761 261	53.29
North Sydney	60 789	153 826	2 545 967	41.88
Oberon	5 396	27 381	208 183	38.58
Orange	37 546	100 280	1 804 370	48.06
Palerang	11 325	50 999	237 720	20.99
Parkes	15 034	51 965	518 169	34.47
Parramatta	151 076	371 740	6 520 910	43.16
Penrith	177 554	436 270	4 341 253	24.45
Pittwater	56 954	144 693	1 633 736	28.69
Port Macquarie-Hastings	69 737	178 638	2 085 430	29.90
Port Stephens	62 448	167 979	1 356 214	21.72
Queanbeyan	36 331	100 334	1 079 414	29.71
Randwick	126 431	311 922	4 124 793	32.62
Richmond Valley	20 838	78 469	453 200	21.75
Rockdale	95 036	236 727	2 770 960	29.16
Ryde	99 662	247 511	8 093 516 ***	81.21

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Shellharbour	62 338	158 806	1 346 895	21.61
Shoalhaven	91 765	245 878	2 546 543	27.75
Singleton	21 913	65 689	1 256 230	57.33
Snowy River	7 322	35 849	140 000	19.12
Strathfield	31 129	86 440	1 220 512	39.21
Sutherland	214 784	524 297	4 697 182	21.87
Sydney	146 297	367 571	8 198 541 **	56.04
Tamworth Regional	54 312	189 526	3 643 640	67.09
Temora	6 295	30 227	211 376	33.58
Tenterfield	6 814	33 721	292 196	42.88
Tumbarumba	3 623	23 811	99 388	27.43
Tumut	11 382	42 504	303 605	26.67
Tweed	79 910	216 861	1 655 696	20.72
Upper Hunter	13 376	69 140	387 097	28.94
Upper Lachlan	7 316	42 770	235 080	32.13
Uralla	6 040	28 190	180 550	29.89
Urana	1 395	17 000	35 000	25.09
Wagga Wagga	57 557	147 039	1 447 811	25.15
Wakool	4 837	30 811	139 689	28.88
Walcha	3 261	22 146	66 230	20.31
Walgett	8 096	41 942	260 000	32.11
Warren	3 282	23 061	177 737	54.16
Warringham	138 646	341 018	3 724 375	26.86
Warrumbungle	10 550	58 366	398 532	37.78
Waverley	62 096	156 918	3 581 345	57.67
Weddin	3 823	24 371	147 424	38.56
Wellington	8 668	35 192	184 833	21.32
Wentworth	7 236	33 701	415 730	57.45
Willoughby	63 905	161 504	3 097 000	48.46
Wingecarribee	44 311	118 656	1 857 500	41.92
Wollondilly	40 661	113 806	1 085 262	26.69
Wollongong	191 558	469 338	8 371 267	43.70
Woollahra	53 095	135 273	2 717 869	51.19
Wyong	141 764	352 302	3 560 278	25.11
Yass Valley	12 854	50 181	251 931	19.60
Young	11 957	45 387	223 809	18.72

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publication /pəˈblɪkəˈʃən/ noun 1. the act of publishing or the state of being published. 2. (in Roman times) a publican, a collector, generally exalted and working for Rome. 3. the state or fact of being published, as a book or the like. 4. a public bar /pəˈblɪk ˈbɑː/ noun (in a hotel) a comfortably furnished and well-stocked bar.

# publications & information available

## Publications & information published in 2005/06

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Active engaged valued: Older people and NSW public libraries

<[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/pls/publications/pdf/active\\_engaged\\_valued.pdf](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/pls/publications/pdf/active_engaged_valued.pdf)>

#### Annual Report 2004/05

First copy free

Also available at <[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/annual/](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/annual/)>

#### Libraries for life: Your place, your time. State Library of New South Wales services for the NSW public library network

#### People places: A guide for public library buildings in NSW

<[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/pls/publications/pdf/peopleplaces\\_2ndedition.pdf](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/pls/publications/pdf/peopleplaces_2ndedition.pdf)>

#### Public libraries in New South Wales: A directory

#### Public Library Statistics 2003/04

### EXHIBITION GALLERY GUIDES

Free guides were published for the following exhibitions:

- *An Unbroken View: Early Nineteenth Century Panoramas*
- *Any News of La Pérouse?*
- *David Moore: 100 Photographs*
- *Eora: Mapping Aboriginal Sydney 1770–1850*
- *Exotica: The Macquarie Collector's Chest*
- *First Sight: The Dutch Mapping of Australia 1606–1697*
- *Nelson Meers Foundation Heritage Collection 2006*
- *The Shearers: Photographs by Andrew Chapman*

Also available at <[www.atmitchell.com/events/past/](http://www.atmitchell.com/events/past/)>



## INFORMATION RESOURCES

### @ the Library

Guide to State Library events, courses and exhibitions

Free, bimonthly

Also available as an e-newsletter

### Hot Topics: Legal issues in plain language

\$22 an issue, \$82.50 annual subscription

(prices include GST)

Provided free of charge to all NSW public libraries and key legal agencies including NSW community legal centres and Legal Aid.

Four issues published in 2005/06

No. 52 *Copyright*

No. 53 *Same-sex families*

No. 54 *Bill of Rights*

No. 55 *Sentencing*

### Infocus Topic List

Quarterly, a listing of HSC resources

School and public library membership of Infocus is by annual subscription of \$90.75 (including GST)

Also available at <<http://infocus.sl.nsw.gov.au/res/home.cfm>>

### LIAC Crime Library

A resource for HSC legal studies teachers and students with summaries and web links to over 50 high profile criminal cases. Updated 2006

Web only publication available at <[http://liac.sl.nsw.gov.au/pathway/pdf/liac\\_crime\\_library.pdf](http://liac.sl.nsw.gov.au/pathway/pdf/liac_crime_library.pdf)>

### LIAC Referral Guide

An online directory of sources of free legal advice and assistance. Updated November 2005

Available at <<http://liac.sl.nsw.gov.au/advice/list.cfm>>



## MAGAZINES & NEWSLETTERS

### atmitchell: Journal of the Friends and Supporters of the State Library of New South Wales

Published in July, November and March

### Public Library News

Published in July, November and April

Also available at <[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/pls/publications/plnews/](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/pls/publications/plnews/)>

### LIAC Newsletter

Current news about access to legal information across the statewide network of public libraries

Incorporated in *Public Library News*, 2 issues, July and November

The publication ceased with Volume 15, no 3, November 2005 and was replaced by a biannual electronic newsletter, *law @ your library e-news*.

The first issue was published as a web only publication in April 2006.

### SL U35 e-newsletter

Monthly newsletter for SL U35 Club members

### Volunteers' Voices

Newsletter of the State Library Volunteers

Three issues per year

### Update

Monthly information sheet on new services, events and changes within the State Reference Library, Mitchell Library and Sir William Dixon Research Library. Also available at <[www.sl.nsw.gov.au/update/](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/update/)>

A range of brochures and flyers are also published to support specific programs and services.

# publications & information available

## Freedom of Information annual statement of affairs

### Structure and functions of the State Library of New South Wales

The State Library is the major public reference and information service for the people of NSW. It has over five million items in its collection and provides instant access to electronic information services around the world. The Library's origins date back to 1826, with the opening of the Australian Subscription Library. The NSW Government took over the private subscription library in 1869 and created the Sydney Free Public Library. From 1895 to 1975 the Library was known as the Public Library of New South Wales. It was renamed the State Library of New South Wales in 1975.

The Library Council of New South Wales is the governing body of the State Library of New South Wales. The *Library Act 1939* and *Library Regulation 2005* define the powers, authorities, duties and functions of the Library Council.

The State Library is managed by an Executive comprising the State Librarian and Chief Executive, and five Assistant State Librarians responsible for Collection Management Services, eLibrary Services, Innovation, Education and Development Services, Public Library Services, Reader Services, and the Director, Finance and Strategy. An organisation chart is shown on pp. 52-53.

### Key functions which directly affect the public

All State Library services are designed to meet the diverse range of interests and information needs of the people of NSW. Services are provided directly to the people of NSW in Macquarie Street Sydney, and to remote clients who make contact via telephone, mail, fax, email, or through the Library's websites and [atmitchell.com](http://atmitchell.com).

Clients who visit the Library in Macquarie Street Sydney, have direct access to the collections and services in the reading rooms, exhibitions and displays, Library tours, education programs, special events for friends and supporters, the Library Shop, Cafe Trim and the Glasshouse Restaurant. The State Library also provides services to clients of the NSW public library network. These include document delivery services and NSW.net which provides access to broadband connectivity enabling public libraries and councils to link to the Internet.

State Library services are evaluated and monitored by a program of surveys and performance measurement. These indicate a high level of satisfaction with Library services, and help to inform ongoing improvements in service delivery strategies.

### Arrangements for the public to participate in policy development

The *Library Act*, as amended by the *Cultural Institutions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1989*, provides that there shall be a Library Council of nine members of the public, nominated by the Minister for the Arts, and appointed for a three-year term by the Governor of NSW.

The Public Libraries Consultative Committee of Library Council enables representatives of local government to participate in decision making and policy formulation with regard to the provision of public library services.

The State Library welcomes public comment. Suggestion forms are available for this purpose at the Information Desks, at service points in the reading rooms, and on the Library website. The Library also conducts client research. The findings are used to improve our services and develop standards against which our performance levels in key areas of service provision are measured.

### Categories of documents held by the State Library

Documents relating to the exercise of the Library's diverse functions are housed at the State Library in Macquarie Street. These include documents relating to administrative, personnel and financial matters common to most NSW government organisations. Other records relate to the provision of library and information services to members of the community, services and support provided by the Library to NSW public libraries, and the management of the Library's collections.

Documents containing personal information are described in the Library's *Privacy Management Plan*, a copy of which is available from the Privacy Contact Officer.

Applications for access to documents under the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1989* should be directed in writing to:

Freedom of Information Contact Officer  
State Library of New South Wales  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000  
Tel: (02) 9273 1796  
Fax: (02) 9273 1255  
Email: [foi@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:foi@sl.nsw.gov.au)

Publications and information available from the State Library of New South Wales are listed on pp 86-87.

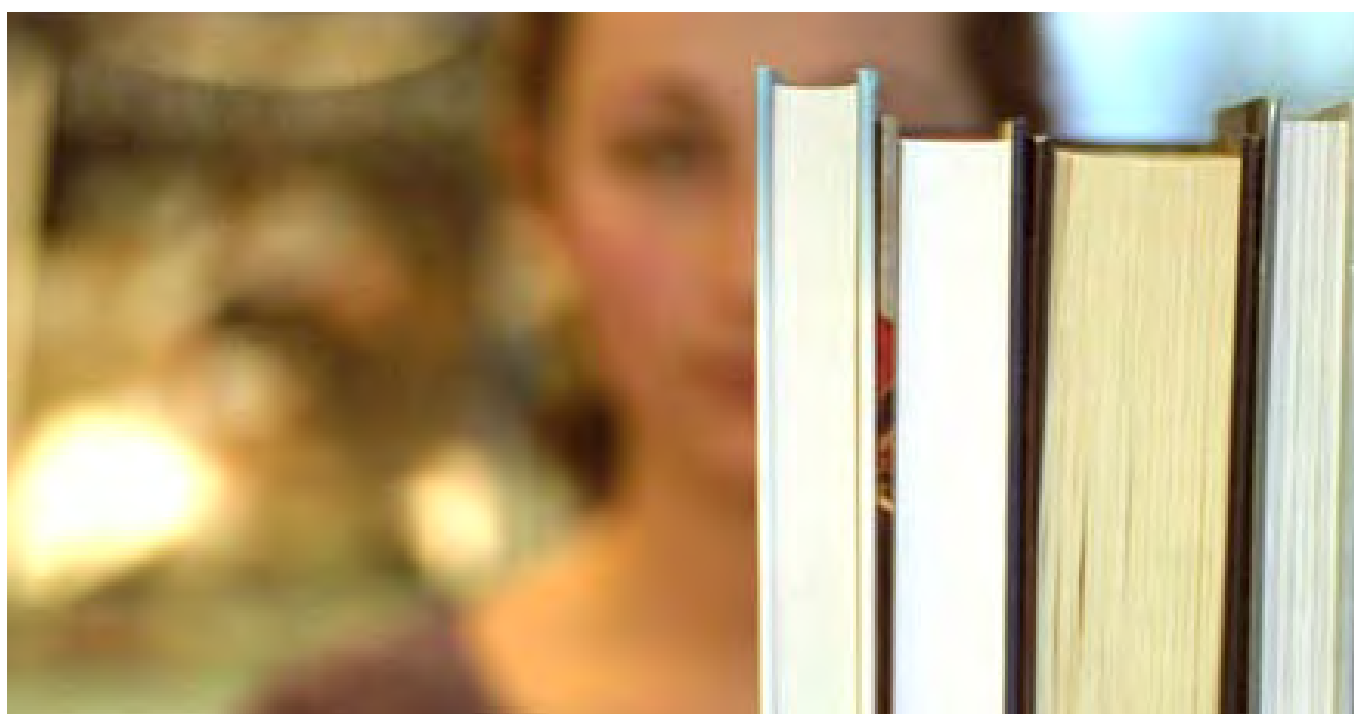
### Impact on the State Library

In 2005/06 the State Library received two requests for non-personal information under the NSW *Freedom of Information Act 1989*. Both were third party requests from another State Government agency and related to release of information that they already held. The impact of the FOI requirements on the State Library has been minimal in the year 2005/06.

Procedures for managing FOI applications are in place and are available on the staff Intranet. The procedures are also included in the induction program for staff and volunteers.

### Major compliance issues

No issues have arisen.



# publications & information available

## Freedom of Information requests

### SECTION A Number of FOI requests received, processed and completed

FOI REQUESTS	PERSONAL		OTHER		TOTAL	
	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06
A1 New (including transferred in)	1		2	2	3	2
A2 Brought forward						
A3 Total to be processed	1		2		3	
A4 Completed	1		1		2	2
A5 Transferred out						
A6 Withdrawn			1		1	
A7 Total processed	1		2		3	2
A8 Unfinished (carried forward)						

### SECTION B What happened to completed requests

RESULT OF FOI REQUEST	PERSONAL		OTHER	
	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06
B1 Granted in full			1	2
B2 Granted in part	1			
B3 Refused				
B4 Deferred				
B5 Completed	1		1	2

### SECTION C Ministerial Certificates: number issued during the period. Not applicable

### SECTION D Formal Consultations: number of requests requiring consultations (issued) and total number of formal consultation(s) for the period

	Issued		Total	
	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06
D1 Number of requests requiring formal consultation(s)	3		3	2

### SECTION E Amendment of personal records: number of requests processed during the period. Nil

### SECTION F Notation of personal records: number of requests processed during the period. Nil



**SECTION G FOI requests granted in part or refused:** number of times each reason was cited as the basis for disallowing access in relation to completed requests which were granted in part or refused.

Basis of disallowing or restricting access	Personal		Other	
	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06
G1 Section 19 {application incomplete, wrongly directed}				
G2 Section 22 {deposit not paid}				
G3 Section 25 (1)(a1){diversion of resources}				
G4 Section 25(1)(a) {exempt}	1			
G5 Section 25(1)(b),(c),(d) {otherwise available}				
G6 Section 28(1)(b) {documents not held}				
G7 Section 24(2) — deemed refused, over 21 days				
G8 Section 31(4) {released to medical practitioner}				
G9 Totals	1			

**SECTION H** Costs and fees of requests processed during the period

	Assessed costs		FOI fees received	
	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06
H1 All completed requests	\$1200	\$60	\$90	\$0

**SECTION I Discounts allowed:** numbers of FOI requests processed during the period where discounts were allowed

Type of discount allowed	Personal	Other
I1 Public interest		
I2 Financial hardship — pensioner/child		
I3 Financial hardship — non profit organisation		
I4 Totals		
I5 Significant correction of personal records		

**SECTION J Days to process:** number of calendar days taken to process completed requests

Elapsed time	Personal		Other	
	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06
J1 0–21 days	1			2
J2 22–35 days	2			
J3 Over 35 days				
J4 Totals	2			

**SECTION K Processing time:** number of hours taken to process completed requests

Processing hours	Personal		Other	
	04/05	05/06	04/05	05/06
K1 0–10 hours				2
K2 11–20 hrs	1			
K3 21–40 hrs				
K4 Over 40 hrs	1			
K5 Totals	2			

**SECTION L Reviews and appeals:** number finalised during the period. 1

# publications & information available

## Privacy annual report

The State Library supports the objectives of privacy laws and is committed to the ongoing protection of personal information through our normal protocols, a privacy management program, compliance strategies, policies and procedures.

The Privacy Management Program continues to move the Library towards full compliance with the NSW privacy legislation within available resources. The State Library's revised Privacy Management Plan was endorsed by Library Council in 2005 and implementation of identified compliance strategies commenced. The Privacy Contact Officer continues to provide advice in a timely manner on privacy matters affecting staff, clients and public libraries.

The Library's recommendation to amend the definition of personal information as part of the 2004 review on the *Privacy and Personal Information Act, 1998* was included in the 2005 Regulation issued under this Act. The Regulation amended the definition of personal information to exempt documents from the Act that are held in libraries' collections for the purpose of study, research or exhibition, thus bringing consistency between the two NSW privacy Acts. The exemption is an important outcome for the Library as it allows continued access to research material with minimum constraints. A briefing paper on the implications of the Privacy Regulation 2005 was provided to the Public Library Consultative Committee.

The introduction of the *Workplace Surveillance Act 2005* in October 2005, which replaced the *Workplace Video Surveillance Act 1998*, required the development and review of policies relating to surveillance carried out by the State Library. The *Workplace Surveillance Act* applies to NSW employers who carry out surveillance of their employees by means of cameras, computers and tracking devices. The Act covers overt and covert surveillance and in general allows an employer to carry out a broad range of overt surveillance, as long as employees are properly notified.

The State Library carries out overt surveillance. An indirect risk for breaching, or carelessly applying the rules of the Act includes concern by staff about loss of privacy. This risk and appropriate notification was addressed through inclusion of the requirements of the Act into the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Services Policy issued in September 2005. Prior to commencement of the Act, all staff were informed via email about the nature of surveillance being conducted by the Library and concerns about privacy were addressed.

A copy of the Privacy Management Plan can be obtained by contacting the Privacy Contact Officer. No privacy complaints were received by the Privacy Contact Officer during 2005/06.

For further information please contact:

Privacy Contact Officer  
State Library of New South Wales  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000  
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Email: [privacy@sl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:privacy@sl.nsw.gov.au)



# glossary & index

**librarian** /laɪˈbrɛəriən/ noun 1. a person who is in charge of a library. 2. of or relating to libraries or librarianship. 2. a person in charge of a library.

**librarianship** /laɪˈbrɛəriənʃɪp/ noun 1. the profession or activity of librarianship. 2. a person in charge of a library.

**concerned** with organising collections of related materials in libraries and of resources available to readers and others or duties of a librarian.

**library** /ˈlaɪbrəri/ noun 1. a place where books and other materials are kept for use by people. 2. a collection of books and other materials.

# Abbreviations & glossary

## Abbreviations

<b>ADSL</b>	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line: communications technology which transmits data over copper telephone lines
<b>ALIA</b>	Australian Library and Information Association
<b>ATSILIRN</b>	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Library & Information Resource Network
<b>CASL</b>	Council of Australian State Libraries
<b>CPLA</b>	Country Public Libraries Association
<b>DASR</b>	Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation
<b>di@yll</b>	drug information at your local library
<b>EEO</b>	Equal Employment Opportunity
<b>eLS</b>	Electronic Library Services
<b>ESL</b>	English as a second language
<b>FOI</b>	Freedom of Information
<b>FRDA</b>	Functional Retention and Disposal Authority
<b>HSC</b>	Higher School Certificate
<b>ICT</b>	Information and Communications Technology
<b>IFLA</b>	International Federation of Library Associations
<b>IM&amp;T</b>	Information Management and Technology
<b>ITIL</b>	Information Technology Infrastructure Library
<b>LIAC</b>	Legal Information Access Service
<b>MPLA</b>	Metropolitan Public Libraries Association
<b>NSW</b>	New South Wales
<b>OHS</b>	Occupational Health and Safety
<b>PANDORA</b>	Preserving and Accessing Networked Documentary Resources of Australia: an archive of Australian online publications
<b>PLCC</b>	Public Libraries Consultative Committee
<b>SES</b>	Senior Executive Service
<b>SOE</b>	Standard Operating Environment
<b>SLNSW</b>	State Library of New South Wales
<b>TAFE</b>	Technical and Further Education
<b>TAM</b>	Total Asset Management

## Glossary

<b>Baby boomers</b>	People born between 1946 and 1964
<b>'Born digital'</b>	Documents or other records that are created in a digital format
<b>Broadband</b>	A high-speed Internet connection
<b>Poetry Slam</b>	A spoken word poetry competition
<b>SL U35 Club</b>	The State Library's club for people aged under 35 years of age
<b>WEBCAT</b>	State Library of New South Wales computer catalogue of published material
<b>TRIM</b>	A records management system

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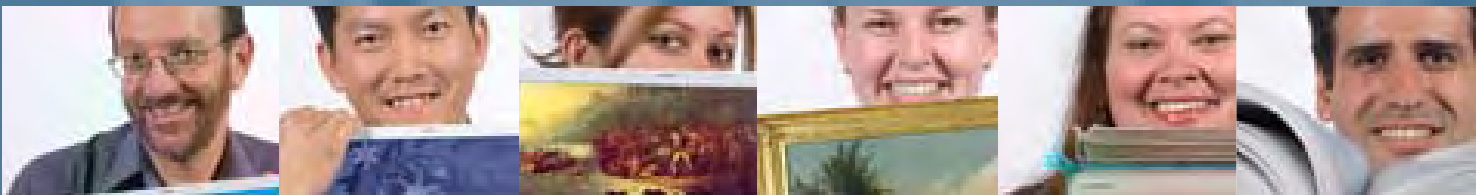
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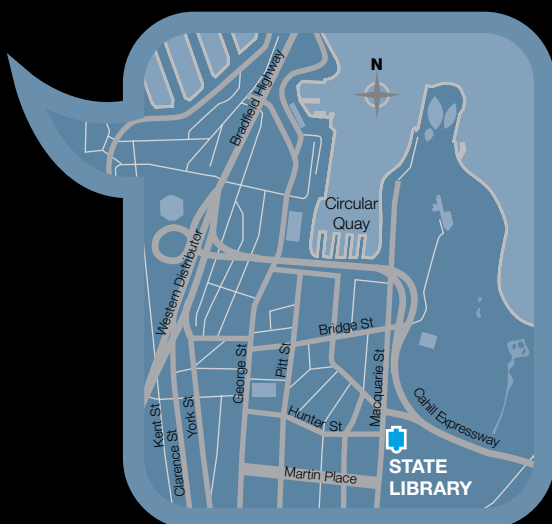
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## Library opening hours

State Reference Library	Monday to Thursday 9 am to 9 pm, Friday 9 am to 6 pm, weekends 11 am to 5 pm
Mitchell Library	Monday to Thursday 9 am to 7 pm, Friday 9 am to 6 pm, Saturday 11 am to 5 pm, Sunday closed
Legal Information	
Access Centre	Monday to Friday 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday closed, Sunday 11 am to 5 pm
Health Information Service	Monday to Thursday 9 am to 9 pm, Friday 9 am to 6 pm, weekends 11 am to 5 pm
Exhibition Galleries	Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm, weekends 11 am to 5 pm
Library Shop	Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm, weekends 11 am to 5 pm
GLASSHOUSECAFE	Monday to Friday 12 noon to 3 pm, weekends closed
Cafe Trim	Monday to Friday 8 am to 4.30 pm, weekends 10.30 am to 4.30 pm
Shakespeare Room	Tuesdays only 10 am to 4 pm

The Library is closed on public holidays



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## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT Library Council of New South Wales

To Members of the New South Wales Parliament

### Audit Opinion Pursuant to the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*

In my opinion, the financial report of the Library Council of New South Wales (Library):

- presents fairly the Library's financial position as at 30 June 2006 and its performance for the year ended on that date, in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, and
- complies with section 41B of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* (the PF&A Act) and the *Public Finance and Audit Regulation 2005*.

My opinion should be read in conjunction with the rest of this report.

### Scope

#### *The Financial Report and Council's Responsibility*

The financial report comprises the operating statement, statement of changes in equity, balance sheet, cash flow statement, summary of compliance with financial directives and accompanying notes to the financial statements for the Library, for the year ended 30 June 2006.

The members of the Council are responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the PF&A Act. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

#### *Audit Approach*

I conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion on the financial report. My audit provides *reasonable assurance* to Members of the New South Wales Parliament that the financial report is free of *material* misstatement.

My audit accorded with Australian Auditing Standards and statutory requirements, and I:

- assessed the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Council in preparing the financial report, and
- examined a sample of evidence that supports the amounts and disclosures in the financial report.

An audit does not guarantee that every amount and disclosure in the financial report is error free. The terms 'reasonable assurance' and 'material' recognise that an audit does not examine all evidence and transactions. However, the audit procedures used should identify errors or omissions significant enough to adversely affect decisions made by users of the financial report or indicate that Council members had not fulfilled their reporting obligations.

My opinion does *not* provide assurance:

- about the future viability of the Library,
- that it has carried out its activities effectively, efficiently and economically,
- about the effectiveness of its internal controls, or
- on the assumptions used in formulating the budget figures disclosed in the financial report.

### **Audit Independence**

The Audit Office complies with all applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements. The Act further promotes independence by:

- providing that only Parliament, and not the executive government, can remove an Auditor General, and
- mandating the Auditor-General as auditor of public sector agencies but precluding the provision of non-audit services, thus ensuring the Auditor-General and the Audit Office are not compromised in their role by the possibility of losing clients or income.



G J Gibson, FCPA  
Assistant Auditor-General

SYDNEY, 20 October 2006

## Year ended 30 June 2006

Pursuant to Section 41C (1C) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act, 1983*, and in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Library Council of New South Wales, on recommendation of the Audit and Finance Committee, we declare on behalf of the Library Council of New South Wales that, in our opinion:

- (a) the accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the requirements of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* and Regulation, and the Financial Reporting Directions published in the Financial Reporting Code for Budget Dependent General Government Sector Agencies or issued by the Treasurer under section 9(2)(n) of the Act.
- (b) there are no circumstances which would render any particulars included in the financial statements to be misleading or inaccurate.



**Ms Belinda Hutchinson**  
President



**Mr Paul Murnane**  
Library Council Member

SYDNEY, 18 October 2006



# Operating statement for the year ended 30 June 2006

	Notes	Actual 2006 \$'000	Budget 2006 \$'000	Actual 2005 \$'000
<b>Expenses excluding losses</b>				
Operating expenses				
Personnel service expense	2 (a)	28,105	28,404	26,313
Other operating expenses	2 (b)	15,042	14,709	14,907
Depreciation and amortisation	2 (c)	16,025	11,275	10,835
Grants and subsidies	2 (d)	24,678	24,799	22,073
Finance costs	2 (e)	16	38	22
<b>Total expenses excluding losses</b>		<b>83,866</b>	79,225	74,150
Less:				
<b>Revenue</b>				
Sale of goods and services	3 (a)	1,980	2,190	2,069
Investment revenue	3 (b)	2,629	1,978	2,349
Grants and contributions	3 (c)	6,041	6,664	7,003
Other revenue	3 (d)	294	10	53
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>10,944</b>	10,842	11,474
Gain / (loss) on disposal	4	(18)	-	(2)
<b>Net cost of services</b>	25	<b>72,940</b>	68,383	62,678
<b>Government contributions</b>				
Recurrent appropriation	7	57,108	57,108	51,105
Capital appropriation	7	11,285	10,780	10,773
<b>Total government contributions</b>		<b>68,393</b>	67,888	61,878
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	20	<b>(4,547)</b>	(495)	(800)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 June 2006

	Notes	Actual 2006 \$'000	Budget 2006 \$'000	Actual 2005 \$'000
Net increase / (decrease) in property, plant and equipment in asset revaluation reserve	20	-	-	460,843
Net increase / (decrease) in available for sale financial assets in asset revaluation reserve	20	-	-	78
		-	-	460,921
<b>TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENSE RECOGNISED DIRECTLY IN EQUITY</b>		-	-	460,921
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	20	<b>(4,547)</b>	(495)	(800)
<b>TOTAL INCOME AND EXPENSE RECOGNISED FOR THE YEAR</b>	20	<b>(4,547)</b>	(495)	460,121

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Balance sheet

as at 30 June 2006

	Notes	Actual 2006 \$'000	Budget 2006 \$'000	Actual 2005 \$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	9	2,211	2,181	2,371
Receivables	10	1,659	1,113	1,203
Inventories	11	237	229	229
Financial assets at fair value	12	1,133	-	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>5,240</b>	3,523	3,803
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Financial assets at fair value	13	15,607	15,633	15,633
Property, plant and equipment	14			
- Land and buildings		237,968	242,439	243,563
- Plant and equipment		4,730	5,125	1,609
- Collection assets		1,879,887	1,879,961	1,882,848
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>		<b>2,122,585</b>	2,127,525	2,128,020
Intangible assets	15	17	-	-
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>2,138,209</b>	2,143,158	2,143,653
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>2,143,449</b>	2,146,681	2,147,456
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Payables	17	6,717	5,783	6,063
Borrowings	18	124	114	114
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>6,841</b>	5,897	6,177
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Borrowings	19	42	166	166
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>42</b>	166	166
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>6,883</b>	6,063	6,343
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>2,136,566</b>	2,140,618	2,141,113
<b>EQUITY</b>				
Reserves	20	518,927	519,098	519,098
Accumulated funds	20	1,617,639	1,621,520	1,622,015
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>2,136,566</b>	2,140,618	2,141,113

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Cash flow statement

for the year ended 30 June 2006

	Notes	Actual 2006 \$'000	Budget 2006 \$'000	Actual 2005 \$'000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
<b>Payments</b>				
Personnel services		26,036	25,496	23,883
Grants and subsidies		24,678	24,799	22,073
Finance costs		16	38	22
Other		17,648	15,105	14,620
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>68,378</b>	65,438	60,598
<b>Receipts</b>				
Sale of goods and services		2,195	2,177	2,331
Interest received		2,183	1,978	2,353
Other		6,089	3,985	3,323
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>10,467</b>	8,140	8,007
<b>Cash flows from government</b>				
Recurrent appropriation		57,108	57,108	51,105
Capital appropriation		11,285	10,780	10,773
Cash reimbursements from the Crown Entity		763	-	1,052
<b>Net cash flows from government</b>		<b>69,156</b>	67,888	62,930
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	25	<b>11,245</b>	10,590	10,339
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Proceeds from sale of investments	13	365	-	1,671
Proceeds from sale of property plant and equipment		18	-	-
Purchases of property, plant and equipment and collection assets	14	(10,643)	(10,780)	(9,042)
Purchases of investments	13	(1,031)	-	(2,036)
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(11,291)</b>	(10,780)	(9,407)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Repayment of borrowings and advances	18	(114)	-	(103)
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(114)</b>	-	(103)
<b>NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>		<b>(160)</b>	(190)	829
Opening cash and cash equivalents		2,371	481	1,542
<b>CLOSING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	9	<b>2,211</b>	291	2,371

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Summary of compliance with financial directives

for the year ended 30 June 2006

	2006				2005			
	Recurrent appropriation \$'000	Expenditure / net claim on Consolidated Fund \$'000	Capital appropriation \$'000	Expenditure / net claim on Consolidated Fund \$'000	Recurrent appropriation \$'000	Expenditure / net claim on Consolidated Fund \$'000	Capital appropriation \$'000	Expenditure / net claim on Consolidated Fund \$'000
<b>ORIGINAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION / EXPENDITURE</b>								
Appropriation Act	57,108	57,108	10,780	10,780	50,792	50,792	10,086	10,086
	57,108	57,108	10,780	10,780	50,792	50,792	10,086	10,086
<b>OTHER APPROPRIATIONS / EXPENDITURE</b>								
Treasurer's advance			505	505	92	92	2	2
Section 27 Appropriation Act					221	221	685	685
	-	-	505	505	313	313	687	687
<b>Total appropriations expenditure / net claim on Consolidated Fund</b>	<b>57,108</b>	<b>57,108</b>	<b>11,285</b>	<b>11,285</b>	<b>51,105</b>	<b>51,105</b>	<b>10,773</b>	<b>10,773</b>
<b>Amount drawn down against appropriation</b>		<b>57,108</b>		<b>11,285</b>		<b>51,105</b>		<b>10,773</b>
<b>Liability to Consolidated Fund</b>		-		-		-		-

## Note:

The Summary of Compliance is based on the assumption that Consolidated Fund moneys are spent first (except where otherwise identified or prescribed). \$0.7 million (2005: \$1.4 million) was appropriated from the capital appropriation for minor miscellaneous works and has been fully spent. However, in accordance with accounting standards, these expenditures have been reclassified as expense in the financial statements.

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

## 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

### (a) Reporting entity

The Library Council of New South Wales (Library Council), as a reporting entity, comprises the State Library of New South Wales and its controlled entity, the State Library of New South Wales Foundation.

The State Library of New South Wales Foundation's charter ensures monetary support for the development of the Australian cultural heritage collections of the Library Council.

In the process of preparing consolidated financial statements for the Library Council, all inter-entity transactions and balances have been eliminated. The presentation adopted does not include a separate column for the parent entity in view of the immateriality of the controlled entity.

The Library Council is classified as a not for profit. The reporting entity is consolidated as part of the NSW Total State Sector Accounts.

These consolidated financial statements have been authorised for issue by the Library Council on 18 October 2006.

### (b) Basis of preparation

The Library Council's financial statements are a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with:

- applicable Australian Accounting Standards (which include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) and interpretations of the Urgent Issues Group (UIG));
- the requirements of the *Public Finance and Audit Act* and Regulation; and
- the Financial Reporting Directions published in the Financial Reporting Code for Budget Dependent General Government Sector Agencies or issued by the Treasurer.

Property, plant and equipment and collection assets held for sale and financial assets available for sale are measured at fair value. Other financial statements items are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

Judgements, key assumptions and estimations management have made are disclosed in the relevant notes to the financial statements. All amounts are rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars and are expressed in Australian currency.

### (c) Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, which include AIFRS. The parent entity financial statements and notes also comply with Australian Accounting Standards.

This is the first financial report prepared based on AIFRS and comparatives for the year ended 30 June 2005 have been restated accordingly, except as stated below.

In Accordance with AASB1 *First-time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards* and Treasury Mandates, the date of transition to AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation* and AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* has been deferred to 1 July 2005 and, as a result, comparative information for these two Standards is presented under the previous Australian Accounting Standards which applied to the year ended 30 June 2005. Under Australian generally accepted accounting principles (AGAAP), financial instruments were recognised at cost, with the exception of TCorp Hour Glass Facilities and Managed Fund Investments, which were measured at fair value.

Reconciliations of AIFRS equity and surplus / (deficit) for 30 June 2005 to the balances reported in the 30 June 2005 financial report are detailed in Note 24.

### (d) Administered activities

The Library Council does not administer any activities on behalf of the Crown Entity.

### (e) Income recognition

Income is measured at the fair value of the consideration or contribution received or receivable. Additional comments regarding the accounting policies for the recognition of income are discussed below.

- (i) Parliamentary appropriations and contributions from other bodies

Parliamentary appropriations and contributions from other bodies (including grants and donations) are generally



## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

recognised as income when the Library Council obtains control over the assets comprising the appropriations / contributions. Control over appropriations and contributions is normally obtained upon the receipt of cash.

An exception to the above is when appropriations are unspent at year end. In this case, the authority to spend the money lapses and generally the unspent amount must be repaid to the Consolidated Fund in the following financial year. As a result, unspent appropriations are accounted for as liabilities rather than revenue. No such liability existed at the end of the financial year.

(ii) Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised as revenue when the Library Council transfers the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the assets.

(iii) Rendering of services

Revenue is recognised when the service is provided or by reference to the stage of completion.

(iv) Investment revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method as set out in AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. Rental revenue is recognised in accordance with AASB 117 *Leases* on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Royalty revenue is recognised in accordance with AASB 118 *Revenue* on an accrual basis in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreement. Dividend revenue is recognised in accordance with AASB 118 when the right to receive payment is established.

### (f) Personnel services benefits and other payables

Amounts previously shown as employee benefits and other provisions are now presented as personnel services benefits and other payables.

Personnel services benefits and other payables are determined as follows:

(i) Salaries and wages, annual leave, sick leave and on-costs

Liabilities for salaries and wages (including non-monetary benefits), annual leave and paid sick leave that fall due wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised and measured in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date at undiscounted amounts based on the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Unused non-vesting sick leave does not give rise to a liability as it is not considered probable that sick leave taken in the future will be greater than the benefits accrued in the future.

The outstanding amounts of payroll tax, workers' compensation insurance premiums and fringe benefits tax, which are consequential to employment, are recognised as liabilities and expenses where the employee benefits to which they relate have been recognised.

(ii) Long service leave and superannuation

The liabilities for long service leave and superannuation are assumed by the Crown Entity.

Long service leave is measured at present value in accordance with AASB 119 *Employee Benefits*. This is based on the application of certain factors (specified in NSWTC 06/09) to employees with five or more years of service, using current rates of pay. These factors were determined based on an actuarial review to approximate present value.

The superannuation expense for the financial year is determined by using the formulae specified in the Treasurer's Directions. The expense for certain superannuation schemes (i.e., Basic Benefit and First State Super) is calculated as a percentage of the employees' salary. For other superannuation schemes (i.e., State Superannuation Scheme and State Authorities Superannuation Scheme), the expense is calculated as a multiple of the employees' superannuation contributions.

(iii) Other Provisions

Other provisions exist when: there has a present legal, equitable or constructive obligation as a result of a past event; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

### (g) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred in accordance with Treasury's mandate to general government sector agencies.

### (h) Insurance

The Library Council's insurance activities are conducted through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund Scheme of self insurance for Government agencies. The expense (premium) is determined by the fund manager based on past experience.

### (i) Accounting for the Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where:

- (i) the amount of GST incurred by the Library Council as a purchaser that is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense.
- (ii) receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

### (j) Acquisitions of assets

The cost method of accounting is used for the initial recording of all acquisitions of assets controlled by the Library Council. Cost is the amount of cash or cash equivalents paid or the fair value of the other consideration given to acquire the asset at the time of its acquisition or construction or, where applicable, the amount attributed to that asset when initially recognised in accordance with the specific requirements of other Australian Accounting Standards.

Assets acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration, are initially recognised as assets and revenues at their fair value at the date of acquisition.

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between a knowledgeable, willing buyer and knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Where payment for an item is deferred beyond normal credit terms, its cost is the cash price equivalent, i.e., the deferred payment amount is effectively discounted at an asset specific rate.

The personnel expenses directly involved in the preservation and conservation of original materials, such that they become available and ready for use by the Library, are capitalised as part of collection assets and are being depreciated in accordance with the Library's depreciation policy.

### (k) Capitalisation thresholds

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets costing \$5,000 and above individually, or forming part of a network costing more than \$5,000, are capitalised.

### (l) Revaluation of property, plant and equipment

Physical non-current assets are valued in accordance with the 'Valuation of Physical Non-Current Assets at Fair Value' (TPP 03-02) and Guidelines Paper (TPP 05-03). This policy adopts fair value in accordance with AASB 116 *Property, Plant and Equipment* and AASB 140 *Investment Property*.

Property, plant and equipment is measured on an existing use basis, where there are no feasible alternative uses in the existing natural, legal, financial and socio-political environment. However, in the limited circumstances where there are feasible alternative uses, assets are valued at their highest and best use.

Fair value of property, plant and equipment is determined based on the best available market evidence, including current market selling prices for the same or similar assets. Where there is no available market evidence, the asset's fair value is measured as its market buying price, the best indicator of which is depreciated replacement cost.

Collection assets are valued on a deprival basis as a surrogate for fair value (i.e., using current market buying price where the asset can be replaced and current market selling price when the asset cannot be replaced). Each class of property, plant and equipment is revalued at least every five years and with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying amount of each asset in the asset class does not differ materially from its fair value at reporting date. As a result of the size and nature of the Library Council's assets, this revaluation is conducted over a five year period. The last revaluations were completed as at 30 June 2005 for Land and Buildings and for Collection assets and were based on independent assessments.

Non-specialised assets with short useful lives are measured at depreciated historical cost as a surrogate for fair value.

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When revaluing non-current assets by reference to current prices for assets newer than those being revalued (adjusted to reflect the present condition of the assets), the gross amounts and the related accumulated depreciation amounts are separately restated.

For other assets, any balances of accumulated depreciation existing at the revaluation date in respect of those assets are credited to the asset accounts to which they relate. The net asset accounts are then increased or decreased by the revaluation increments or decrements.

Revaluation increments are credited directly to the asset revaluation reserve, except that, to the extent that an increment reverses a revaluation decrement in respect of that class of asset previously recognised as an expense in the surplus / deficit, the increment is recognised immediately as revenue in the surplus / deficit.

Revaluation decrements are recognised immediately as expenses in the surplus / deficit except that, to the extent that a credit balance exists in the asset revaluation reserve in respect of the same class of assets, they are debited directly to the asset revaluation reserve.

As a not-for-profit entity, revaluation increments and decrements are offset against one another within a class of non-current assets, but not otherwise.

Where an asset that has previously been revalued is disposed of, any balance remaining in the asset revaluation reserve in respect of that asset is transferred to accumulated funds.

### (m) Impairment of property, plant and equipment

As a not-for-profit entity with no cash generating units, the Library Council is effectively exempted from AASB 136 *Impairment of Assets* and impairment testing. This is because AASB 136 modifies the recoverable amount test to the higher of fair value less costs to sell and depreciated replacement cost. This means that, for an asset already measured at fair value, impairment can only arise if selling costs are material. Selling costs are regarded as immaterial.

### (n) Assets not able to be reliably measured

The Library Council holds certain assets that have not been recognised in the Balance Sheet because they cannot be reliably valued. These assets comprise 9,288 hours of original oral history and sound recordings on reel to reel and cassette tapes, accompanied by transcriptions and logs, covering all aspects of life in NSW.

### (o) Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

(i) Except for certain heritage assets, depreciation is provided for on a straight-line basis for all depreciable assets so as to write off the depreciable amount of each asset as it is consumed over its useful life to the Library Council.

(ii) All material separately identifiable component assets are depreciated over their shorter useful lives.

The following estimated useful lives are used in the calculation of depreciation:

Buildings	60 years
Plant and equipment	7 years
Computer equipment	4 years
Library IT system	4 years
Collection assets	see below

(iii) Collection assets are depreciated under both the double declining balance (DDB) and straight line bases according to the following major asset groupings:

Monographs, bound serials, microfilm and microfiche	60 years DDB
Multicultural materials	3 years straight line
Audio visual / electronic resources	7 years straight line

The use of DDB for monographs, bound serials, microfilm reels and microfiche is based on studies showing that usage is highest when an item is newly acquired and decreases over time, more rapidly in the earlier years than in the later, but never reaches the point of having no information value.

Even if rarely used there is utility in being able to refer to an historical item for a piece of information missing from other sources, or to use a particular item as part of a longitudinal survey or contextual data. Items in this asset group have a particularly long service life and DDB reflects their pattern of use over their useful life.

The straight line depreciation method is for collection asset groups with much shorter service lives. Multicultural

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materials have continuing high levels of usage which impact service life and audio visual / electronic resources can incur, in addition to regular wear and tear, technical obsolescence. In both these two asset groups usage is more evenly distributed across their service life.

- (iv) Land is not a depreciable asset. Certain heritage assets have an extremely long useful life, including original art works and collections and heritage buildings. Depreciation for these items cannot be reliably measured and, in these cases, depreciation is not recognised. The decision not to recognise depreciation for these assets is reviewed annually.

### (p) Major inspection costs

The labour cost of performing major inspections for faults is recognised in the carrying amount of the asset as a replacement of part if the recognition criteria are satisfied.

### (q) Restoration costs

The estimated cost of dismantling and removing an asset and restoring the site is included in the cost of an asset to the extent it is recognised as a liability. This does not apply to heritage assets.

### (r) Maintenance

The costs of day-to-day servicing or maintenance are charged as expenses as incurred, except where they relate to the replacement of a part or component of an asset, in which case the costs are capitalised and depreciated.

### (s) Leased assets

A distinction is made between finance leases, in which there is an effective transfer from the lessor to the lessee of substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased assets, and operating leases, under which the lessor effectively retains all such risks and benefits.

Where a non-current asset is acquired by means of a finance lease, the asset is recognised at its fair value at commencement of the lease term. The corresponding liability is established at the same amount. Lease payments are allocated between the principal component and the interest expense.

Operating lease payments are charged to the Operating Statement in the periods in which they are incurred.

### (t) Intangible assets

The Library Council recognises intangible assets only if it is probable that future economic benefits will flow and the cost of the asset can be measured reliably. Intangible assets are measured initially at cost. Where an asset is acquired at no or nominal cost, the cost is its fair value at the date of acquisition.

All research costs are expensed. Development costs are only capitalised when certain criteria are met.

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed to be finite. Intangible assets are subsequently measured at fair value only if there is an active market. As there is no active market for the Library Council's intangible assets, the assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation.

Library Council's intangible assets comprising computer software are amortised using the straight-line method over 4 years.

### (u) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. These financial assets are recognised initially at fair value, usually based on the transaction cost or face value. Subsequent measurement is at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less an allowance for any impairment of receivables. Any changes are accounted for in the Operating Statement when impaired, derecognised or through the amortisation process. Short term receivables with no stated interest rates are measured at the original invoice amount where the effect of discounting is immaterial.

### (v) Inventories

Inventories held for distribution are stated at the lower of cost and current replacement cost. Inventories (other than those held for distribution) are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost is calculated using the weighted average cost or "first in first out" method.

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### (w) Investments

Investments are initially recognised at fair value plus, in the case of financial assets not at fair value through profit or loss, at transaction cost. TCorp Hour Glass investment facilities and managed fund investments are measured at market value which is deemed to be fair value.

Investments not classified as held for trading are accounted for as available for sale financial assets and measured at fair value directly in equity until disposed or impaired. Gains or losses on impairment or disposal of these assets are recognised in the Operating Statement.

### (x) Other assets

Other assets are recognised on a cost basis.

### (y) Equity transfers

There have been no transfers of net assets between the Library Council and other agencies.

### (z) Payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Library Council and other amounts, including interest. Payables are recognised initially at fair value, usually based on the transaction cost or face value. Short term payables with no stated interest rate are measured at the original invoice amount where the effect of discounting is immaterial.

### (aa) Borrowings

Loans are not held for trading and are recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### (ab) Budget amounts

The budgeted amounts are drawn from the budgets as formulated at the beginning of the financial year and with any adjustments for the effects of additional appropriations, s 21A, s 24 and/or s 26 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*.

The budgeted amounts in the Operating Statement and the Cash Flow Statement are generally based on the amounts disclosed in the NSW Budget Papers (as adjusted above). However, in the Balance Sheet, the amounts vary from the Budget Papers, as the opening balances of the budgeted amounts are based on carried forward actual amounts i.e., as per the audited financial statements (rather than carried forward estimates).

### (ac) Comparative information

Comparative amounts are disclosed from year to year to ensure that consistency of presentation is maintained. Comparative figures have been restated based on AEIFRS with the exception of financial instruments information, which has been prepared under the previous AGAAP standard (AAS 33) as permitted by AASB 1.36A. The transition to AEIFRS for financial instruments information was 1 July 2005. The impact of adopting AASB 132 / 139 is further discussed in Note 24.

### (ad) Prior period errors

The Library has prepared its financial statements in relation to prior periods on the basis that the Library has been provided with employment powers. It has come to the attention of management that the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 only provides the Director-General of the Ministry for the Arts up until the close of business 2 March 2006 and the Director-General, Department of Arts, Sports and Recreation, created on the 3 March 2006, with the power to employ.

Under direction from the New South Wales Treasury, the Library has assumed that a management agreement was in place in relation to the provision of personnel services from the employing department, and has restated 'Employee Benefits and Other Provisions' for the year ended 30 June 2005 as 'Personnel Services Benefits and Other Payables' in accordance with AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors. There has been no effect on the value of the amounts previously presented as 'Employee Benefits and Other Provisions'.

Amounts shown in previous periods as 'Acceptance by the Crown Entity of employee benefits and other liabilities' are now to be assumed by the relevant employment department and, as such, have been restated in the Library's financial statements as a part of the 'Grants and Contributions' and disaggregated in note 3(c), 'Employment Grants received by the Department of Art, Sports, and Recreation'.

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The classification of Employment Grants received by the Department of Arts, Sports and Recreation, as an item of revenue has resulted in the values to Total Revenue, Net Cost of Services, and Total Government Contributions and Grants changing for the restated periods. However there has been no change to the Surplus / (Deficit) for the year.

**(ae) New accounting standards and UIG interpretation**

Certain new accounting standards and UIG interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2006 reporting periods. However, the Library Council has early adopted the following Accounting Standards from 1 July 2005:

- AASB 2005-04 regarding the revised AASB 139 fair value option
- AASB 7 regarding financial instruments disclosure
- UIG 9 regarding the reassessment of embedded derivatives

Any initial impact on first time adoption of these standards are discussed in Note 24. Other amending accounting standards and UIG interpretations have not been applied and are not yet effective. The impact is not known or reasonably estimable.

**(af) Financial instruments accounting policy for 2004/05 comparative period**

Investment income — interest revenue is recognised as it accrues. Royalty revenue is recognised on an accrual basis in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreement. Dividend revenue is recognised when the agency's right to receive payment is established.

Receivables — receivables are recognised and carried at cost, based on the original invoice amount less a provision for any uncollectable debts. An estimate for doubtful debts is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off as incurred.

Other financial assets — 'other financial assets' are generally recognised at cost, with the exception of TCorp Hour Glass Facilities and Managed Fund Investments, which are measured at market value.

For non-current 'other financial assets', revaluation increments and decrements are recognised in the same manner as physical non-current assets.

For current 'other financial assets', revaluation increments and decrements are recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Payables — these amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the agency and other amounts, including interest. Interest is accrued over the period it becomes due.

Interest bearing liabilities – all loans are valued at current capital value.



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	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
<b>2. Expenses excluding losses</b>		
<b>(a) Personnel service expense</b>		
Salaries and wages (including recreation leave)	20,573	19,842
Redundancy	127	-
Overtime and meal allowance	809	801
Superannuation — defined benefit plans (accepted by the Crown)	1,472	1,335
Superannuation — defined contribution plans	1,140	1,052
Long service leave	1,200	964
Workers compensation insurance	633	358
Payroll tax	1,651	1,554
Fringe benefits tax	51	20
Long service leave on cost	(7)	16
Other	456	371
	<b>28,105</b>	<b>26,313</b>

Personnel service expense of \$1.9 million has been capitalised as part of Collection Assets during the year (2005: \$1.5 million). Personnel service expense of \$0.4 million has been reclassified to Grants and Subsidies (2005: \$0.3 million)

<b>(b) Other operating expenses including the following:</b>		
Auditor's remuneration — audit / review of the financial reports	87	65
Cost of sales	275	224
Insurance	985	1,107
Operating lease and rental expenses	935	939
Other		
Advertising and promotions	251	322
Cleaning services	570	629
Computer software and licences	97	169
Courier, freight and postage	279	226
Electricity	642	582
Exhibitions	265	209
Fees — contractors/projects	1,725	1,179
Fees — contractors/temps	1,623	1,713
Fees — general	1,362	1,377
Fees — information retrieval	285	299
Fees — speakers	-	118
Fees — staff development	254	297
Fees — valuations	-	101
Maintenance and repairs	1,924	2,084
Maintenance undertaken free of charge — see Note 3(c)	-	188
Offsite storage rental and retrieval	888	763
Printing	810	614
Purchases — multicultural cooperative	492	358
Stationary and consumables	351	243
Telephone and other telecommunication costs	426	371
Travel and accommodation	270	258
Sundry operating expenses	246	472
	<b>15,042</b>	<b>14,907</b>

**Reconciliation of maintenance expense**

Maintenance as per above	1,924	2,084
Maintenance included in personal service expense — Note 2 (a)	778	766
Total maintenance expense included in Notes 2 (a) and 2 (b)	<b>2,702</b>	<b>2,850</b>

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	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
<b>(c) Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>		
Depreciation		
Computer equipment	289	160
Plant and equipment	278	683
Library information technology system	16	33
Collections	9,844	8,912
Buildings	5,595	1,047
	<b>16,022</b>	10,835
Amortisation		
Software	3	-
Total depreciation and amortisation expense	<b>16,025</b>	10,835
<b>(d) Grants and subsidies</b>		
Public library subsidies	12,445	13,190
Disability and geographic adjustment grants	6,131	3,236
Library development grants	3,422	3,331
NSW.net service	1,812	1,585
Cooperative and statewide projects	441	284
Services to public libraries	281	301
Vision Australia (Royal Blind Society) grant	146	146
	<b>24,678</b>	22,073
The grants and subsidies paid provide benefits to public libraries throughout NSW and include the NSW.net service enabling Internet connections and access to online databases.		
<b>(e) Finance costs</b>		
Interest	16	22
	<b>16</b>	22
<b>3. Revenue</b>		
<b>(a) Sale of goods and services</b>		
Sale of goods		
Gross sales — Library Shop	538	425
Other sales	549	617
Rendering of services		
Fees	577	669
Admissions	130	156
Subscriptions	186	202
	<b>1,980</b>	2,069
<b>(b) Investment revenue</b>		
Interest and unit distribution	1,530	1,779
Rent	598	519
Royalties	60	51
Increment on revaluation of financial instruments at fair value	440	-
Gain on disposal of investments	1	-
	<b>2,629</b>	2,349

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	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
<b>(c) Grants and contributions</b>		
Blake Dawson Waldron	51	60
Capital Campaign	1,096	692
Commonwealth Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts	-	100
Law Society of NSW Public Purpose Fund	624	612
Nelson Meers Foundation	226	200
NESTLE Australia Ltd	347	560
NSW Department of Health	139	60
NSW Department of Commerce	-	135
NSW Premiers' Department	30	70
Other donations and grants	768	780
	<b>3,281</b>	3,269
Services received at no charge — see Note 2(b)	-	188
	<b>3,281</b>	3,457
Employment grants received from the Department of Arts, Sport and Recreation		
Superannuation	1,472	2,426
Long service leave	1,200	964
Payroll tax	88	156
	<b>2,760</b>	3,546
<b>Total grants and contributions</b>	<b>6,041</b>	7,003
<b>(d) Other revenue</b>		
Franking credit refund	239	-
Other	55	53
	<b>294</b>	53
<b>4. Gain / (loss) on disposal</b>		
Gain / (loss) on disposal of fixed assets:		
Proceeds from disposal	18	-
Written down value of fixed assets disposed	(36)	(2)
	<b>(18)</b>	(2)
<b>5. Charitable fundraising</b>		
No fundraising appeals, as defined by the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Charitable Fundraising Regulations 2003, have been conducted.		
<b>6. Conditions on contributions</b>		
The balance of conditional contributions received during the year that were not spent at the end of year amounted to \$0.2 million (2005: \$0.5 million). This amount has been carried forward into 2006/07 in the cash and other financial asset balances at the end of the year.		

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	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
<b>7. Appropriations</b>		
<b>Recurrent appropriations</b>		
Total recurrent draw-downs from NSW Treasury	57,108	51,105
(per Summary of Compliance)	57,108	51,105
Comprising:		
Recurrent appropriations	57,108	51,105
(per Operating Statement)	57,108	51,105
<b>Capital appropriations</b>		
Total capital draw-downs from NSW Treasury	11,285	10,773
(per Summary of Compliance)	11,285	10,773
Comprising:		
Capital appropriations	11,285	10,773
(per Operating Statement)	11,285	10,773
<b>8. Programs / activities of the agency</b>		
The State Library operates as one program under the Department of Arts, Sports and Recreation. The program objective is to promote, provide and maintain library and information services for the people of New South Wales through the State Library, the statewide network of public libraries and information agencies.		
<b>9. Current assets — cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash at bank and on hand	181	653
Short term deposits	2,030	1,718
	2,211	2,371
For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, cash at bank and short term deposits.		
<b>10. Current assets — receivables</b>		
Sale of goods and services	156	185
Less: Allowance for impairment	(1)	(7)
	155	178
Other debtors — accrued interest	17	9
Prepayments	950	668
GST recoverable from Australian Taxation Office	537	348
	1,659	1,203
<b>11. Current assets — inventories</b>		
Held for resale finished goods (Library Shop) — at cost	237	229
	237	229
<b>12. Financial assets at fair value — current</b>		
TCorp Hour Glass medium term growth facilities	1,133	-
	1,133	-

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	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
<b>13. Financial assets at fair value — non-current</b>		
TCorp Hour Glass medium term growth facilities	15,607	15,633
	<b>15,607</b>	<b>15,633</b>
<b>Reconciliations for financial assets</b>		
<b>Current and non-current</b>		
Carrying amount at the start of the year	15,633	15,190
Additions	1,031	2,036
Disposals	(364)	(1,671)
Gains / (losses) on revaluation	440	78
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<b>16,740</b>	<b>15,633</b>
<b>14. Non-current assets — property plant and equipment</b>		
<b>(a) Land and Buildings</b>		
<b>Land</b>		
At fair value	62,000	62,000
Carrying amount at fair value	<b>62,000</b>	<b>62,000</b>
<b>Buildings</b>		
At gross carrying amount	205,607	205,607
Less accumulated depreciation	(29,639)	(24,044)
Carrying amount at fair value	<b>175,968</b>	<b>181,563</b>
<b>Total land and buildings</b>	<b>237,968</b>	<b>243,563</b>
<b>(b) Plant and equipment</b>		
<b>Computer equipment</b>		
At gross carrying amount	2,467	1,421
Less accumulated depreciation	(957)	(773)
Carrying amount at fair value	<b>1,510</b>	<b>648</b>
<b>Library IT systems</b>		
At gross carrying amount	895	1,650
Less accumulated depreciation	(881)	(1,620)
Carrying amount at fair value	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Plant and equipment</b>		
At gross carrying amount	4,219	1,821
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,013)	(890)
Carrying amount at fair value	<b>3,206</b>	<b>931</b>
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	<b>4,730</b>	<b>1,609</b>

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	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
<b>(c) Library collection</b>		
At gross carrying amount	<b>1,889,731</b>	1,882,848
Less accumulated depreciation	<b>(9,844)</b>	-
Carrying amount at fair value	<b>1,879,887</b>	1,882,848
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>2,122,585</b>	2,128,020

The land and buildings and the library collection were last revalued as at 30 June 2005. The carrying amount of each class of asset does not differ materially from its fair value as at 30 June 2006.

**14 (d) Reconciliation — land and buildings, plant and equipment and collections**

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment and collection assets at the beginning and end of the current financial year are set out below.

2006	Land \$'000	Building \$'000	Computer equipment \$'000	Library IT system \$'000	Plant & equipment \$'000	Library collection \$'000	Total \$'000
At fair value							
Net carrying amount at the start of the year	62,000	181,563	648	30	931	1,882,848	2,128,020
Additions			1,151		2,589	6,883	10,623
Revaluations							
Disposals — book value			(105)	(755)	(191)		(1,051)
Disposals — accumulated depreciation			105	755	155		1,015
Depreciation expense		(5,595)	(289)	(16)	(278)	(9,844)	(16,022)
Net carrying amount at the end of the year	62,000	175,968	1,510	14	3,206	1,879,887	2,122,585



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	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
<b>15 (a) Intangible assets</b>		
<b>Software</b>		
At cost	20	-
Less accumulated amortisation	(3)	-
Carrying amount at fair value	17	-

**15 (b) Reconciliation for intangible assets**

Net carrying amount at the start of the year	-	-
Additions	20	-
Amortisation	(3)	-
Net carrying amount at the end of the year	17	-

**16. Restricted assets**

The Library Council has assets valued at \$11.8 million received from bequests and funds. They are under different levels of restriction according to the conditions stipulated in the bequest and fund documents. These assets have been invested with TCorp Hour Glass investment facilities. In addition, as at 30 June 2006, the Library had \$0.2 million in cash and other financial assets of unexpended conditional grants and contributions which were received during 2005/06.

**17. Current liabilities — payables**

Trade creditors — operating expenses	2,648	1,556
Accruals — other operating expenses	519	1,063
Accrued personnel service expense	171	304
Accrued payroll tax	177	159
Accrued fringe benefit tax	11	5
Personnel service benefits and on-costs	3,076	2,895
Income received in advance	33	2
Reid Charitable Trust	82	79
	6,717	6,063

**Reconciliation of personnel service benefits and related on-costs**

Recreation leave	2,169	2,119
Recreation leave — on-costs	107	-
Recreation leave — payroll tax	130	127
Long service leave — on-costs	228	236
Long service leave liability — payroll tax	442	413
<b>Total</b>	3,076	2,895

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	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
<b>18. Current liabilities — borrowings</b>		
Treasury advance repayable	124	114
	<b>124</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>19. Non-current liabilities — borrowings</b>		
Treasury advance repayable	42	166
	<b>42</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Repayment of borrowings</b>		
Not later than one year	124	114
Between one and five years	42	166
Later than five years	-	-
<b>Total borrowings at face value</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>280</b>

This unsecured loan relates to the Sustainable Energy Development Authority (SEDA) and carries an interest rate of 6.42%.

**Notes to the financial statements** for the year ended 30 June 2006**20. Changes in equity**

	<b>Accumulated funds</b>		<b>Asset revaluation reserves</b>		<b>Total equity</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Balance at the beginning of the financial year	<b>1,622,015</b>	1,622,744	<b>519,098</b>	58,248	<b>2,141,113</b>	1,680,992
<b>Changes in equity — other than transactions with owners as owners</b>						
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	<b>(4,547)</b>	(800)	-	-	<b>(4,547)</b>	(800)
<b>AASB 139 first time adoption:</b>						
Asset revaluation reserve balance transferred to accumulated funds	<b>171</b>	-	<b>(171)</b>	-	-	-
Increments on revaluation of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	460,843	-	460,843
Increments on revaluation of financial assets available for sale	-	-	-	78	-	78
Total changes in other equity	<b>(4,376)</b>	(800)	<b>(171)</b>	460,921	<b>(4,547)</b>	460,121
<b>Transfers within equity</b>						
Transfer from asset revaluation reserve following disposal of investments	-	71	-	(71)	-	-
Total transfers within equity	-	71	-	(71)	-	-
Total equity changes	<b>(4,376)</b>	(729)	<b>(171)</b>	460,850	<b>(4,547)</b>	460,121
Balance at the end of the financial year	<b>1,617,639</b>	1,622,015	<b>518,927</b>	519,098	<b>2,136,566</b>	2,141,113

In accordance with AASB 132 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures and Presentation* and AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*, revaluation adjustments that were previously reflected in the Investment Revaluation Reserve prior to 1 July 2005 are now shown as Gains / (Losses) in the Operating Statement which is reflected in the net Surplus / (Deficit) in Equity.

**Notes to the financial statements** for the year ended 30 June 2006

<b>21. Commitments for expenditure</b>	<b>2006 \$'000</b>	<b>2005 \$'000</b>
<b>(a) Capital commitments</b>		
Aggregate capital expenditure for the acquisition of general capital items contracted for at balance date and not provided for:		
Not later than one year	<b>618</b>	15
<b>Total (including GST)</b>	<b>618</b>	15
<b>(b) Other expenditure commitments</b>		
Aggregate other expenditure for the acquisition of offsite storage and other general items contracted for at balance date and not provided for:		
Not later than one year	<b>2,838</b>	1,332
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	<b>6,834</b>	127
Later than 5 years	<b>14,377</b>	-
<b>Total (including GST)</b>	<b>24,049</b>	1,459
<b>(c) Operating lease and rental commitments</b>		
Future non-cancellable operating leases and rentals not provided for and payable:		
Not later than one year	<b>565</b>	861
Later than one year and not later than 5 years	<b>225</b>	789
<b>Total (including GST)</b>	<b>790</b>	1,650

The operating lease and rental commitments are for the provision of office equipment and related services to be finalised by 30 November 2007.

**Goods and services tax**

Commitments disclosed above include input tax credits of \$2.31 million that are expected to be recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (2005: \$0.28 million).

**22. Contingent liabilities and contingent assets**

The Library Council is not aware of any contingent liabilities or contingent assets relevant to its activities as at 30 June 2006.

**23. Budget review****Net cost of services**

The variance between the budgeted and actual net cost of services relates mainly to additional depreciation which resulted from the revaluation of land, buildings and collections as at 30 June 2005.

**Assets and liabilities**

Assets are less than budget at year end by \$3.2 million mainly due to lower property, plant and equipment of \$4.9 million as a result of higher depreciation in comparison to capital acquisitions. This is offset by higher financial assets of \$1.1 million arising from market and distribution increases throughout the year and other current assets of \$0.6 million.

Liabilities are higher than budget by \$0.8 million primarily due to the increase in Payables at year end.

**Cash flows**

Net increase in cash from operating activities was \$0.7 million more than budget mainly due to higher cash from Government of \$1.3 million together with higher total receipts of \$2.4 million offset by higher total payments of \$3.0 million.

Net cash outflows from investing activities exceeded budget by \$0.5 million largely as a result of a net increase in investments provided by the year end unit distribution from TCorp.

**Notes to the financial statements** for the year ended 30 June 2006**24. Impact of adopting AEIFRS**

The Library has applied the AEIFRS for the first time in the 2005/06 financial report. The key areas where changes in accounting policies have impacted the financial report are disclosed below. Some of these impacts arise because AEIFRS requirements are different from the previous AASB requirements (AGAAP). Other impacts arise from options in AEIFRS that were not available or not applied under previous AGAAP. The Library has adopted the options mandated by NSW Treasury for all NSW public sector agencies. These impacts below reflect Treasury's mandates and policy decisions.

The impacts of adopting AEIFRS on total equity and surplus / (deficit) as reported under previous AGAAP are shown below.

**Reconciliations — 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005****Reconciliation of equity under AGAAP to equity under AEIFRS:**

	30 June 2005 \$'000	1 July 2004 \$'000
Total equity under previous AGAAP	<b>2,141,113</b>	1,680,992
Adjustments to accumulated funds	-	-
Adjustments to other reserves	-	-
Total equity under AEIFRS	<b>2,141,113</b>	1,680,992

**Reconciliation of surplus / (deficit) under previous AGAAP to surplus / (deficit) under AEIFRS****Year ended 30 June 2005**

Surplus / (deficit) under previous AGAAP	<b>(800)</b>
Adjustments	-
Surplus / (deficit) under AEIFRS	<b>(800)</b>

**Impact:** The effect of the transition is nil on equity. There are no material impacts on the Library's cash flows.

**Notes to the financial statements** for the year ended 30 June 2006**25. Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities to net cost of services**

	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
Net cash flows from operating activities	<b>(11,245)</b>	(10,339)
Cash flows from Government / Appropriations	<b>69,156</b>	62,930
Reimbursement of extended leave payments	<b>(763)</b>	(1,052)
Depreciation	<b>16,025</b>	10,835
(Decrease) in allowance for impairment	<b>(6)</b>	(5)
(Gains) / losses on disposal of non-current assets	<b>17</b>	2
(Gains) / losses on revaluation of investments	<b>(440)</b>	-
Increase / (decrease) in payables	<b>654</b>	126
Decrease / (increase) in receivables	<b>(261)</b>	24
Decrease / (increase) in GST receivable	<b>(189)</b>	140
Decrease / (Increase) in inventory	<b>(8)</b>	17
	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net cost of services	<b>72,940</b>	62,678

**26. Non-cash financing and investing activities**

Non-cash financing and investing activities represented the acceptance of personnel services cost of \$2.8 million (\$3.5 million in 2005) by NSW Government.

**27. The State Library of NSW Foundation**

At 30 June 2006 the Foundation had \$10.5 million in net assets (2005: \$10.3 million). During the year the Foundation made a total contribution of \$2.26 million to the Library Council (2005: \$1.22 million).

The Foundation's contribution included \$1.8 million spent for the year ended 30 June 2006 on the Library's at mitchell.com project, a website with online access to the Library's collections. The funding for this project emanated from the Capital Campaign and amounted to \$1.1 million during the year.

**28. Financial instruments****Cash**

Cash comprises cash on hand, bank balances and at call deposits. Interest is earned on daily bank balances.

**Receivables**

All trade debtors are recognised as amounts receivable at balance date. Collectability of trade debtors is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. An allowance for impairment is raised when there is objective evidence that amounts due may not be collected. The credit risk is the carrying amount (net of any allowance for impairment). No interest is earned on trade debtors. The carrying amount approximates net fair value. Sales are made on 30 days terms.



## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

### TCorp Hour Glass investment facilities

Library Council has investments in TCorp's Hour Glass investment facilities. The investments are represented by a number of units of a managed investment pool, with each particular pool having a different investment horizon and being comprised of a mix of asset classes appropriate to that investment horizon. TCorp appoints and monitors fund managers and establishes and monitors the application of appropriate investment guidelines. Total return on Library Council's investment for the year was 8.3% comprising 5.6% for interest earned and 2.7% for increase in the unit value.

	2006 \$'000	2005 \$'000
TCorp Medium Term Growth Facility	16,740	15,633
	<b>16,740</b>	<b>15,633</b>

### Authority deposits

At call deposits are placed with TCorp, which has been rated "AAA" by Standard and Poors. These deposits are similar to money market or bank deposits and can be placed "at call" or for a fixed term. The interest rate payable by TCorp is negotiated initially and is fixed for the term of the deposit.

	2006 Carrying amount \$'000	2006 Fair value \$'000	2005 Carrying amount \$'000	2005 Fair value \$'000
TCorp at call deposits	2,030	2,030	1,718	1,718
	<b>2,030</b>	<b>2,030</b>	<b>1,718</b>	<b>1,718</b>

The deposits as at 30 June 2006 were earning an average interest rate of 5.7% (2005: 5.5%), while over the year the weighted average interest rate was 5.5% (2005: 5.3%).

### Bank overdraft

The Library Council does not have any bank overdraft facilities.

### Trade creditors and accruals

The liabilities are recognised for amounts due to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not invoiced. Amounts owing to suppliers (which are unsecured) are settled in accordance with the policy set out in Treasurer's Direction 219.01. If trade terms are not specified, payment is made no later than the end of the month following the month in which an invoice or a statement is received. Treasurer's Direction 219.01 allows the Minister to award interest for late payment. No applications for the payment of interest on late payment were received during the year.

**Notes to the financial statements** for the year ended 30 June 2006

**Treasury advances**

The Library Council has received an advance of \$0.615 million from NSW Treasury with a term of 7 years and a fixed interest rate of 6.42%. The advance was to enable Library Council to introduce the requirements of the Sustainable Energy Development Authority. Repayment of the Treasury Advance is expected as follows:

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Less than one year	<b>124</b>	114
One to five years	<b>42</b>	166
	<b>166</b>	280

The carrying amounts for Treasury advances are not materially different from their fair values.

**29. After balance date events**

There are no material after balance date events.

**END OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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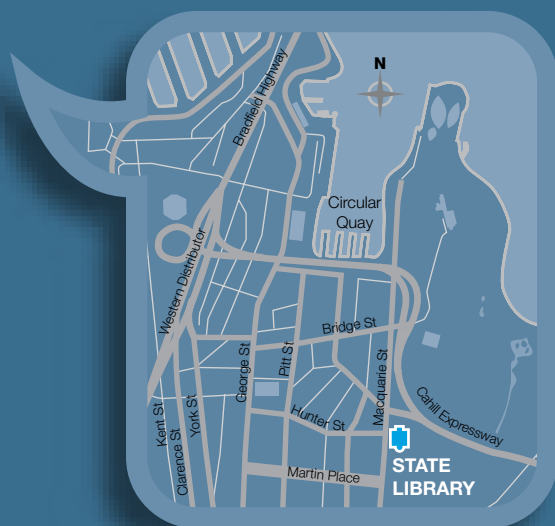
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State Reference Library	Monday to Thursday 9 am to 9 pm, Friday 9 am to 6 pm, weekends 11 am to 5 pm
Mitchell Library	Monday to Thursday 9 am to 7 pm, Friday 9 am to 6 pm, Saturday 11 am to 5 pm, Sunday closed
Legal Information	
Access Centre	Monday to Friday 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday closed, Sunday 11 am to 5 pm
Health Information Service	Monday to Thursday 9 am to 9 pm, Friday 9 am to 6 pm, weekends 11 am to 5 pm
Exhibition Galleries	Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm, weekends 11 am to 5 pm
Library Shop	Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm, weekends 11 am to 5 pm
GLASSHOUSECAFE	Monday to Friday 12 noon to 3 pm, weekends closed
Cafe Trim	Monday to Friday 8 am to 4.30 pm, weekends 10.30 am to 4.30 pm
Shakespeare Room	Tuesdays only 10 am to 4 pm

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