

2020-21 Strategic Priorities Grants

Grant funding has been provided to councils to deliver innovative projects through public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKCs) across Queensland that reflect one or more of the objectives outlined in [Realising our potential: A vision for Queensland public libraries](#).

GRANTS AWARDED: Grants totalling \$261,103 have been awarded to 15 councils under the 2021 Public Library Strategic Priority Grant program as follows:

Council	Funding Amount	Project Description
Aurukun Shire Council	\$25,000	Wik learning on Country: Led by Elders and conducted in the Wik Mungkan language, students from the IKC Flexi Ed and Aurukun State School will visit biocultural hotspots such as waterholes, creeks, native beehives, wetlands, timber country or saltpans to observe seasonal indicators and learn traditional knowledge and crafts. The videoed outings will be used to support student engagement, cultural and linguistic maintenance, and community wellbeing.
Brisbane City Council	\$21,430	Brisbane City Council Library podcasting project will build the skills and capacity of patrons to produce their own podcasts and provide free access to podcasting equipment. Two kits will be purchased for public use, and a part-time project officer will develop and trial an introduction to podcasting workshop and train council library staff to deliver sessions on an ongoing basis.
Cairns Regional Council	\$18,420	Cairns Libraries 3D virtual online tours aim to encourage, increase, and extend ongoing community engagement with Cairns Libraries' website, collections, and physical venues by providing virtual tours.
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	\$24,900	Makerspace expansion will inspire school children and young adults from isolated areas to tinker and learn through play with STEAM-related equipment and resources.
Fraser Coast Regional Council	\$6,991	Video production equipment for online and hybrid library programs: The purchase of iPads with subtitling software will increase the reach, inclusion and access to library services and programs for members of the community, particularly the hearing-impaired.
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	\$25,000	Hinchinbrook Heritage Collection Preservation project will include the purchase and installation of collection preservation equipment. It will include an upgrade to the Special Collections Room at the Hinchinbrook Shire Library which will increase accessibility for patrons.
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	\$5,600	Outreach welcome packs for local real estate agencies to distribute to new residents. The packs will contain promotional library material and Lockyer Valley tourism information. The packs will encourage recipients to sign-up to, and discover, their local library.

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Longreach Shire Council	\$5,337	iPads & Chess Time @ Our Library: The purchase of new iPads and chess sets will provide innovative programs for a wide range of ages while encouraging learning and community engagement through recreational and competitive sessions.
Mackay Regional Council	\$25,000	Innovation Hub will enable learning and information sharing, support emotional and mental wellbeing, provide space for artistic and musical performances and foster social connections.
Moreton Bay Regional Council	\$25,000	Indigenous library spaces will engage Indigenous representatives and identify opportunities to build vibrant collections, spaces and programs that are shaped by Indigenous aspirations and needs. Council libraries will ensure they are welcoming, trusted environments for Indigenous peoples to connect and engage through storytelling and yarning to build relations and sustain local Indigenous knowledge, history and culture.
Somerset Regional Council	\$7,537	Lowood Library community garden will feature fast-growing and easy to maintain plants such as tomatoes, capsicums, strawberries, herbs, and beans. An Indigenous bush tucker area will include native juniper, pigface and apple berry. The garden has been designed to allow collaboration between residents of all ages.
Sunshine Coast Regional Council	\$23,000	Kathleen McArthur's Lunch Hour Theatre (podcast series): Kathleen was an author, wildflower artist, conservationist and community activist who campaigned for the preservation of the natural beauty and history of the region. The digitisation of the Kathleen McArthur's Lunch Hour Theatre Scripts Collection will use the innovative medium of podcasts to provide greater community access to this nationally significant resource.
Toowoomba Regional Council	\$25,000	Toowoomba Region Libraries' futures project will engage an external consultant to deliver an informed, evidence-based report for council. This review will help determine priorities to ensure a sustainable future for council libraries.
Western Downs Regional Council	\$8,888	Studio in a Box is a professional livestreaming studio in a box. It will provide people in isolated areas with high quality events, speakers, and workshops, which are normally only available to larger population centres. This will increase engagement with smaller regional communities.
Whitsunday Regional Council	\$14,000	Rebrand, Rejuvenate and Reconnect! Council will work with local businesses to rebrand external signs and introduce extra signage to ensure library facilities are easier to locate.