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**DAY 1 – Thursday 8 May 2025**

TIME	SESSION
9:00am	<b>Registrations</b>
9:30am	<p><b>Welcome</b>  <u>Presenter:</u>  <b>Simon Woodley, General Manager, ALS Library Services</b></p>
9:35am	<p><b>Introduction</b>  <u>Presenter:</u>  <b>Jarrold Walsh, MC</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> <div style="flex: 2;"> <p><i>Jarrold is the voice of Australian Sport. On Match Days around the country, he can be heard on the microphone representing National Australian sporting organisations such as the Australian Socceroos, Cricket Australia, Netball Australia, Australian Boomers and more. In South Australia, Jarrold is the voice of all the national league teams on their game day including Port Adelaide (AFL), Adelaide United (A-League), Adelaide Strikers (BBL), Adelaide Thunderbirds (SSN) and Adelaide 36ers (NBL). Not only does Jarrold provide the match day experience, he also plays a key role in consulting with the clubs to ensure the fans have the best engagement in the country, so all fans feel connected. Also highly sought after Corporate MC, Jarrold Walsh also ensures your business is represented professionally, with his laid back and fun presenting style, ensuring the crowds attention is always captured. His tone reflects the mood of the audience and his preparation and execution is consistently above and beyond for every event. With a focus on connection, Jarrold also runs a successful Communications Workshop – helping people of all backgrounds understand their value and finding the confidence to speak openly, with no fear. With 20 years experience in radio at the ABC, Nova Entertainment, FiveAA and SEN and working with some of the biggest businesses and brands in South Australia and beyond, Jarrold is the perfect host for you and your companies needs.</i></p> </div> </div>
9:40am	<p><b>President's Address</b>  <u>Presenter:</u>  <b>Pepper Mickan, President, Public Libraries SA</b></p>
9:45am	<p><b>Welcome to Country</b>  <u>Presenter:</u>  <b>Kaurna man Bryce Cawte or Kaurna Elder Rosalind Coleman</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
10:00am	<p><b>Keynote Address: Future Focussed</b>                  Often thought of as futurist, not because he predicts the future, but instead because he helps you focus on what you can control to deal with any future. Gus helps audiences cut through the hype to focus on what the real human impact really is. Still want to talk trends? Sure! Gus Balbontin loves as much as the next person trying to imagine a world run by AI, but he warns that getting too distracted with future guesses will only take time away from you and your company to actually do something about the future.</p>





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Presenter:

**Gus Balbontin**

*Born and bred in wild Patagonia, Gus Balbontin never allowed his small town and humble beginnings get in the way of his big dreams. A healthy disrespect for authority and a severe case of FOMO (fear of missing out) landed him in Australia at the young age of 17. By the age of 22 he had dropped out of uni, hitchhiked South America, set up his first business and landed his dream job at Lonely Planet. Fast forward a few more years and he was leading the company globally, working with companies such as Google X, Nokia and Amazon on the latest technology, creative cultures and high performing teams. Seeking a change from corporate life, he hung up his boots as the executive director and CTO of Lonely Planet and decided to move back to his entrepreneurial roots,*

*becoming an investor, founder and mentor across the start-up ecosystem in Melbourne. He loves sharing a story, but loves even more, knowing those stories make a difference to people, helping them in their own business and life. Over the last 3 years Gus Balbontin has presented to audiences of 10 across regional Australia and New Zealand, to audiences of 10,000 across North America, Europe, South America and Asia. To him there's no difference. Small, large, private, public, board room to mail room, his lessons hit a chord, his simplicity disarms you, his energy infects you and his counterintuitive way of looking at the world will motivate you to do things different.*

11:00am      **Gold Sponsor**

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11:02am      **Morning Tea**

11:25am      **IFLA Trend Report**

Description:

What does the future of information and knowledge look like? What will it mean for the way we live, interact, work and more? And importantly, what is the place of libraries in this future? These are complex questions, and we will only know what the answers are when they happen. The goal of the 2024 Trend Report – and indeed of so much of IFLA's work – is to provide the tools, structures, inspiration and energy necessary for libraries and library and information workers to face the future with optimism. The IFLA report encourages the library industry to reframe the way we think and plan for the future.

Presenter:

**Vicki McDonald AM FALIA, State Librarian and CEO, State Library of Queensland and President, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) 2023-2025**



*Vicki is a key player in the transformation of the library sector in Queensland. As State Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of State Library of Queensland she understands the need for a strong, relevant and innovative library service. Her national and international experience led to her appointment as State Librarian and Chief Executive Officer of State Library of Queensland in 2016. Vicki has also held leadership roles at State Library of New South Wales and Queensland University of Technology. Her career includes roles at public, academic and state libraries. Vicki is a Past President of the Australian Library Information Association. She has been very active in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) since 2004 and held a number of positions on standing committees and the IFLA Governing Board. Vicki is currently IFLA President 2023-2025.*





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12:15pm	<p><b>Speed Date with Hot Topics</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u>                      This session will allow participants to share their experiences and potential solutions to some “hot topics” currently being discussed in the Network. Bridging the gap from idea to impact, share what you have experienced in your library, what is working well and what may need further assistance/resourcing.</p> <p>Topics of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting community wellbeing (homelessness, financial hardship, mental health)</li> <li>• Information Literacy, fake news, AI</li> <li>• Engaging with CALD community</li> <li>• First Nations collections and programming</li> <li>• User engagement – innovative methods to improve user engagement</li> <li>• Library of Things</li> </ul> <p><u>Facilitators:</u>  <b>PLSA Executive Committee Members</b></p>
1:10pm	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
2:10pm	<p><b>Panel Session – Innovation and Local Stories</b></p> <p>Join us for an insightful session on the transformative impact of the Libraries Board of South Australia Innovation Fund. The Innovation Fund has inspired the SA public library network to envision and create a future where libraries remain vital community hubs. Through innovative projects and initiatives, including strategic partnerships, libraries have been able to better address local needs and provide new services with lasting benefits to their communities. Three successful 2024 recipients will showcase how the Innovation Fund has significantly influenced the planning and implementation of their programs. Projects to be showcased:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Worker in Libraries (City of Salisbury and City of Adelaide Libraries): Changing economic and social circumstances, have seen libraries increasingly serve as places of connection and points of contact for individuals facing a myriad of social challenges, including homelessness, mental ill-health, substance use, and social isolation. Social Worker in Libraries will deliver support to people with complex needs and increase support library staff to maintain a safe workplace and service, by implementing a social work program within libraries. This is a partnership with City of Salisbury and City of Adelaide and other organisations.</li> <li>• Accessible Libraries (City of Unley Libraries): Accessible Libraries is a suite of developed tools and resources to improve the access and inclusion of community members visiting Unley Library Services. Before a visit, community members can access The Access Key, Social Stories and Child-height videos describing what they can expect in library spaces. Collaborative partnerships with Inclusive Kids Adelaide and AutismSA ensures Accessible Libraries provides sound, developmentally appropriate advice and support for library visitors.</li> <li>• Big Hearts: Big Play (Kingston Community School Library): Big Hearts: Big Play builds community connections, inclusivity and wellbeing through unique social gaming experiences. This initiative targets individuals and groups not connected to the library. It offers social gaming with giant games aimed to encourage socially isolated community members as well as teens, young adults, and families to visit and engage with the library. Kingston Community Library partnered with the Kingston SE Suicide Prevention Network and the local school Wellbeing Team.</li> </ul> <p><u>Facilitator:</u>  <b>Jarrold Walsh, MC</b></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Simon Gillespie, Team Leader Library Strategy, Salisbury Library Service</b></li> <li>• <b>Julie Roberts and Nicole Kelly, Adelaide City Council Library Service</b></li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah Perrett, Team Leader Literacy and Learning, Unley Library</li> <li>• Jaclyn Edlington, Library Services Lead, Community and Cultural Centres, Unley Library</li> <li>• Kirsten Barich, Teacher Librarian, Kingston Community School Library</li> </ul>
3:00pm	<p><b>Digital Fun Space: Exploring AR-VR-AI for Social Impact</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u>                      Step into a Digital Fun Space and through the realms of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Augmented Reality (AR), and Virtual Reality (VR). Discover real-world examples of how AI, AR, and VR are transforming social enterprises with innovation. Through hands-on demonstrations and interactive discussions, Creart will break down the complexities of these technologies offering practical insights into their potential for positive change while navigating the risk and ethical challenges.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> <div style="flex: 2; padding-left: 10px;"> <p><u>Presenter:</u>                              Christel Cherryadi, Founder, Digital-XR Designer &amp; Developer, Creative Director, Creart  <i>Christel an award-winning creative technologist &amp; innovator who specialises in utilising AI-powered Immersive Media Technologies (AR/VR/MR) to develop innovative solutions, specifically in BrandTech, MarComTech, EdTech &amp; undertaking research in relation to EmoTech. With 12+ years experience in the creative industry she nurtured start-ups' growth, supported multi-national companies in building their digital presence &amp; helped non-profit organisations upscale in Indonesia, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand &amp; Spain. Christel loves ideas and is passionate about how creative technology can be used to impact people's lives positively. She often asks herself "What if ...?" questions that lead to innovations.</i></p> </div> </div>
3:50pm	<p><b>Afternoon Tea</b></p>
4:15pm	<p><b>Courage Over Confidence</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u>                      Discover how to use action as an antidote to fear and uncertainty. Because the future isn't waiting for people to feel ready. Most people believe that confidence is the key to success. But in an unpredictable and fast-changing environment, the world needs people who are willing to take action in the face of fear, uncertainty and self-doubt. In 2025, it's courage *not* confidence that delivers meaningful impact.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 2; padding-right: 10px;"> <p><u>Presenter:</u>  <b>Anna Lee, Anna Lee Consulting</b>  <i>After a diverse career spanning the higher education, publishing and entertainment industries, Anna Lee established Anna Lee Consulting (ALC) in 2008, when her first child was 6 weeks old (not something she'd recommend!). Her mission: to support women to take charge of their lives and careers. Over the next six years Anna worked with hundreds of women across all levels of organisational hierarchies, from recent graduates to CEOs. While she loved supporting women to unlearn unhelpful gendered expectations, in 2014 her frustration at the lack of cultural and systemic change occurring in many workplaces led Anna to join her brother Diarmid at Leed Consulting. Since then she has worked with some of South Australia's biggest employers to cultivate inclusive leaders, teams and organisations. While Anna continues to partner with employers to build inclusive, equitable workplaces, in 2021 she launched Hacks for Her, where she aims to equip women with the career navigation skills required to flourish in professional terrains designed for and by men. Anna is one of only a handful of Tiny Habit certified coaches in Australia, and has sat on a number of Boards and Management Committees, including the South Australian</i></p> </div> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> </div>





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	<i>Premier's Council for Women. As a speaker Anna knows how to engage, challenge and inspire. Whether speaking for 10 minutes or an hour, in a staff room or a convention centre, her warmth, wit and humour draw in even the most skeptical of audiences. Each of her keynotes includes interactive elements, relatable anecdotes, up-to-date research and practical take-aways that empower participants to take action. Indeed, if she can possibly manage it, Anna will have people practising new skills before they leave their seats.</i>
5:05pm	<b>Close</b> Jarrod Walsh, MC
5:10pm	<b>Networking Drinks/Nibbles</b>

## DAY 2 – Friday 9 May 2025

TIME	SESSION
8:30am	<b>Registrations</b>
9:00am	<b>Introduction</b> <u>Presenter:</u> Jarrod Walsh, MC
9:05am	<b>Welcome</b> <u>Presenter:</u> Pepper Mickan, President, Public Libraries SA
9:10am	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b> <u>Presenter:</u> Clinton Jury, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association of SA
9:15am	<b>LGA Update</b> <u>Presenter:</u> Clinton Jury, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association of SA





*Clinton has extensive leadership experience in with some of the country's largest membership organisations including the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Australian Red Cross. Holding senior Director and Management roles for more than 25 years Clinton has worked across many organisations in the Healthcare, Education and Humanitarian Services. Clinton is passionate about the creation of vibrant communities which bring people together and is currently a Director of the Cure 4 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Ambassador for the CEO sleepout and member of the Centres Advisory Committee for St Vincent de Paul SA and is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Austrian Association of SA.*



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9:35am	<p><b>Keynote Address: A Healthy Mindset</b></p> <p>With over 60,000 daily thoughts, knowing what to pay attention to and what to ignore is crucial for maintaining your emotional health. Our thoughts affect our emotions, and our emotions affect our behaviour. In this practical keynote, Madhavi Nawana Parker will share evidence-based tools for a 'thought cleanse', enabling a fresh and constructive mindset that supports your physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing.</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u></p> <p><b>Madhavi Nawana Parker, Positive Minds Australia</b></p> <p><i>Madhavi is Director at Positive Minds Australia, a multi award winner of global awards including 'Women Changing the World in Education 2023 and 'Global Recognition Award 2024 Positive Minds Australia.'</i> Madhavi is an author of resilience, wellbeing, confidence and social emotional wellbeing books published worldwide by Routledge, London. Madhavi began her career in Education following University studies in Psychology. Her role at Autism SA between 1997 and 2000 involved writing social emotional wellbeing programs for Autistic people, many that were the first of their kind. Madhavi's work soon extended to teaching students and educators practical tools to manage their stress, improve their mindset and invest in their wellbeing. Madhavi's online program, 'Thriving Minds' leads teachers, students and parents through a practical toolbox of skills towards better connection, relationships, emotional regulation and wellbeing. Madhavi and her team consult in schools and at their Unley rooms, helping parents and young people acquire life skills for healthy social emotional wellbeing, resilience, confidence, pro-social relationships, belonging and connection.</p>






TIME	SESSION
10:35am	<p><b>Libraries as catalysts for change: Measuring impact and value</b></p> <p>The LibrariesSA Performance Framework takes an outcomes-based approach to assessing how collections, programs, services, and other library activities impact customer well-being. It provides a clear line of sight between these activities and the value they create for communities. By using a cause-and-effect model, the framework highlights meaningful outcomes, helping to prioritize efforts and allocate funding effectively to deliver the greatest benefit to the community. Hanlie will offer interesting insights into the creation and use of the framework, and future developments, while Tim will showcase new reporting initiatives being developed designed to support library leaders in making informed decisions based on the framework's outcomes.</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p><b>Hanlie Erasmus, Associate Director Public Library and Corporate Services, State Library of SA</b></p> <p><b>Tim Cook, Team Leader Library Data, Public Library Services, State Library of SA</b></p> <p><i>Hanlie Erasmus, Associate Director Public Library and Corporate Services at the State Library of SA, has extensive experience in delivering public library services and has held a range of diverse, multifunctional leadership roles with local government councils in South Australia and South Africa and now at State Government in South Australia. Her portfolio includes leading innovative library services and programs, complimented by extensive experience in community development and engagement. Hanlie is a qualified librarian and holds a post graduate in public sector administration from Flinders University.</i></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> <div style="flex: 2;"> <p><i>Tim Cook, Team Leader of Library Data at the State Library of South Australia, is a skilled Data Analyst with a strong background in libraries and data-driven decision-making. His journey began in 2018 at The City of PAE Libraries, before joining Public Library Services in 2021, where he continues to enhance and support reporting and analytics for libraries. Tim holds a degree in Librarianship and Corporate Information Management from Curtin University and has pursued postgraduate studies in Data Science at RMIT, along with further studies in Data Analytics at Adelaide University.</i></p>  <p><i>Public Library Services is a business unit of the Libraries Board of South Australia. PLS is the central support agency for all South Australian public libraries and has been in existence for over 30 years. PLS's clients are the 133 public libraries across South Australia.</i></p> </div> </div>
11:15am	<b>Morning Tea</b>





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11:40am	<p><b>Challenging Behaviours in Libraries</b></p> <p>Based on insights from research interviews with library workers in Australian urban, regional, and remote libraries, this presentation explores the nature of challenging behaviours commonly encountered in library settings. It examines the emotional toll these interactions can have on staff and considers how libraries can better support their workers. The session will share examples of best practice in library workplaces that may help manage the impact of challenging behaviour on library workers.</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u>  <b>Dr Jane Garner, Associate Professor, Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow, School of Information and Communication Studies, Charles Sturt University</b></p> <p><i>Dr Jane Garner is an Associate Professor and Social Science researcher with the School of Information &amp; Communication Studies at Charles Sturt University, Australia. She researches the roles of reading, libraries and information in closed, restricted and vulnerable communities, including people living in prisons and people experiencing homelessness and other forms of poverty and disadvantage. Jane is also interested in the impact of user behaviours on the wellbeing of library workers.</i></p> 
12:20pm	<p><b>Panel Session: 24/7 Library</b></p> <p>The 24/7 hour library helps engage community members who might not otherwise visit during regular opening hours. Copper Coast, Prospect and Salisbury libraries discuss the impact extended opening hours has provided for their communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payinthe After Five: Payanthe is open for passive use including quiet activities, study, reading and work from 5.00-8.00pm Monday to Friday. Free public Wi-Fi is available for use on own devices and the community can also borrow library items via self serve if they're current library members.</li> <li>• Salisbury Hub After Dark: The Salisbury Community Hub, located in the heart of Salisbury, offers designated areas within its multi-level facility that remain open until 8:30 PM on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights.</li> <li>• 24/7 Access at the Kadina Community Library: Copper Coast Libraries, Kadina branch was the first 24/7 library in South Australia, paving the way for other library services across the state. They were awarded the 2022 Jim Crawford Award for Innovation in Libraries.</li> </ul> <p><u>Facilitator:</u>  <b>Jarrold Walsh, MC</b></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Jane Garner</b></li> <li>• <b>Lynn Spurling, Library and Tourism Coordinator, Copper Coast Council – Kadina Library</b></li> <li>• <b>Katie Faraonio, Manager Community Relations and Programs, Prospect Library</b></li> <li>• <b>Chandler Giles, Manager Community Participation &amp; Partnerships, Community, Capacity &amp; Learning, Salisbury Libraries</b></li> </ul>
1:00pm	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00pm	<p><b>Victor Harbor Playgroup</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u>                      This session will explore the "loneliness group" 18-25 and 60-75.</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u>  <b>Vicki Hutchinson, City of Victor Harbor</b></p>



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2:30pm **Discovery Project Grants**

Description:

'Australia Public Libraries and Social Capital: An exploratory study' – the project expects to identify how public libraries can build more resilient communities by increasing social cohesion and reducing isolation.

'The Role of Public Library Services for a Changing Rural Australia – the project will investigate the role that rural public libraries play in narrowing the socioeconomic gap between rural and urban Australia.

Presenters:



**Professor Helen Partridge (Deakin University)**

**Professor Dr Simon Wakeling (Griffith University)**

*Professor Helen Partridge is the Pro Vice-Chancellor Teaching and Learning at Deakin University. Prior to this she was the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) at the University of Southern Queensland where she had oversight of the University Library Services, Office for the Advancement of Learning and Teaching, and the Open Access College. Professor Partridge's research explores the interplay between information, technology and learning. She investigates the ways people experience information and/or technology to learn as students, as professionals, and as people in their everyday life. Professor*

*Partridge has been a visiting Research Fellow at the Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford (2011), and the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University (2014). In 2008 she was selected to be a National Fellow (1 of 8) of the Australian Learning & Teaching Council (ALTC).*

*Dr Simon Wakeling is a lecturer in the School of Information and Communication Studies at Charles Sturt University. His current research focuses on the role and function of public libraries in Australia. Ongoing projects include work funded by the State Library of New South Wales that is exploring how library user needs have evolved in a COVID-changed Australia, a content analysis of public library mission statements, and an investigation of the importance of the library as a community space. Simon has also published extensively on the open access publication and dissemination of research, including a book on the relationship between theory and practice in this area.*



*Simon has presented at numerous national and international conferences, including Research Applications, Information and Library Studies (RAILS), the ASIS&T Annual Meeting, OCLC EMEA Regional Conference, the Society of Scholarly Publishers (SSP) annual conference, the Conference on Human Information Interaction and Retrieval (CHIIR), and the European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR).*

3:10pm



**Creating Engaging Social Media Content for Libraries**

Presenter:

**Jasmine Argent, City of Marion**


*Jasmine, a Marketing and Communication Support Officer at City of Marion Libraries, has set a new standard for digital engagement with her creative use of social media. Her viral Instagram Reel captivated millions, significantly boosting the library's online presence. Jasmine's skillful storytelling through content that resonates with diverse audiences has not only enhanced Marion Libraries' profile but has also redefined what's possible for library marketing in the digital age.*



TIME	SESSION
3:30pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
3:50pm	<p><b>Engaging with First Nations People</b></p> <p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are one of the most researched groups in Australia, yet they are also often the most poorly understood. Be led on a journey of understanding with Elijah from Southern Cultural Immersion, as he unpacks the intricacies of engaging with First Nations communities and dismantles the fear of 'getting it wrong' that leaves so many of us petrified. Libraries are poised to make real change in the lives of Aboriginal people, be it through supporting small Blak businesses, platforming First Nations culture and stories, or providing invaluable resources to our most vulnerable community members. This presentation will be the first step in empowering libraries to make that change happen.</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> <b>Elijah Bravington</b></p> <p><i>Elijah Bravington is a proud Arabana man, who has a rich background in community development, land and cultural management, and cultural tourism. He was the co-recipient of the 2020 Jim Crawford Award for Innovation in Libraries for the Southern Deadly Yarns project. Elijah has served on the Aboriginal Reference Group for the State Library of South Australia, the board for Neporendi Aboriginal Forum Inc, and the board for Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute.</i></p>





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4:20pm	<p><b>The Innovation Imperative: Creating Possibilities for the World of Tomorrow</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u>                      In this keynote, Louka shares insights from his work at the forefront of learning systems bringing depth and clarity from the fields of psychology, business, design and organisational culture that assist us to create powerful ideas and lead ourselves to make an impact on the people we serve. Unlocking your own creative potential is only possible with a greater level of connectedness and psychological safety in your teams. Combining thinking from a disciplined approach to creativity and design thinking, this session will enable participants to reflect on the experiences and environments that they create in libraries across South Australia.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div data-bbox="683 591 1485 1406"> <p><u>Presenter:</u>  <b>Louka Parry, CEO &amp; Founder, The Learning Future Australia</b>  <i>Louka is the CEO and Founder of The Learning Future and works globally as a speaker, learning strategist and education futurist. As one of Australia's top innovators he speaks on futures, leadership, and transformation, having worked with thousands of leaders and educators from diverse contexts all across the world, including in high-level policy fora such as the OECD, UNESCO, the European Commission, and with all Australian States and Territories. A rapid learner, he speaks five languages, has visited over 80 countries, and holds two Masters degrees, one in Instructional Leadership from the University of Melbourne and another in Applied Linguistics. He has also completed executive studies at Harvard and a residency at the d.school at Stanford University. He has acquired expert knowledge in leadership, strategy, communication, wellbeing, organisational change, and culture through his work. As an education leader, he was promoted to Principal at only 27 years old, and was named South Australian Inspirational Public Secondary Teacher of the Year. In 2022 he was listed as a Top 100 Innovator for Australia. As CEO of The Learning Future and supported by colleagues, Louka is committed to transforming learning structures, systems and societies that further empower individuals to develop the key human capabilities that matter most now and into the future. He also co- leads the non-profit Karanga: The Global Alliance for Social Emotional Learning and Life Skills, which connects the global education community at the forefront of the future of education and social- emotional learning to empower children, educators and communities all across the globe.</i></p> </div> </div>
5:10pm	<p><b>Farewell</b></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u>  <b>Simon Woodley, General Manager, ALS Library Services</b></p>
5:15pm	<p><b>Close</b></p> <p><u>Presenter:</u>                      Jarrod Walsh, MC</p>
5:15pm	<p><b>Networking Drinks</b></p>





## Pop-up Book Store!

We are pleased to be displaying a pop-up book store at the event by Mostly Books. Mostly Books is Adelaide's oldest bookstore still in existence, located at Mitcham Square in the southern suburbs. Established in 1977, they are proudly independent. They stock a wide range of books, and pride themselves on excellent customer service and product knowledge. Mostly Books also run book clubs, knitting groups and regular events with authors.

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  - select 'add another course' for a different registration (i.e. you are attending the entire event but they would only like to attend day 1). You will be taken back to the events screen to select the box you need, from there, you just select 'register' in the relevant box and you will be taken back to your order.

## Fees

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- \$700 (full event)
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- \$275 (half day only)

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- \$800 (full event)
- \$550 (one day only)
- \$308 (half day only)

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Cancellation must be received in writing five (5) working days prior to date of the conference or registration fees still apply. Substitutes are welcome.

## Discounted Accommodation:

We have organised discounted accommodation at the Oaks properties some of which are within walking distance of the Convention Centre. Please see the link below if you would like to take up this opportunity. There are of course many other accommodation venues in the Adelaide CBD.

<b>Weblink Code:</b>	PLSA25
<b>Property Hyperlinks:</b>	<p>Oaks Adelaide Embassy Suites -  <a href="https://be.synxis.com/?Chain=18336&amp;themecode=OAKS&amp;configcode=OAKS&amp;brand=Oaks&amp;currency=aud&amp;hotel=70515&amp;Arrive=2025-05-04&amp;nights=8&amp;Promo=PLSA25">https://be.synxis.com/?Chain=18336&amp;themecode=OAKS&amp;configcode=OAKS&amp;brand=Oaks&amp;currency=aud&amp;hotel=70515&amp;Arrive=2025-05-04&amp;nights=8&amp;Promo=PLSA25</a></p> <p>Oaks Adelaide Horizons Suites -  <a href="https://be.synxis.com/?Chain=18336&amp;themecode=OAKS&amp;configcode=OAKS&amp;brand=Oaks&amp;currency=aud&amp;hotel=70538&amp;Arrive=2025-05-04&amp;nights=8&amp;Promo=PLSA25">https://be.synxis.com/?Chain=18336&amp;themecode=OAKS&amp;configcode=OAKS&amp;brand=Oaks&amp;currency=aud&amp;hotel=70538&amp;Arrive=2025-05-04&amp;nights=8&amp;Promo=PLSA25</a></p> <p>iStay Precinct Adelaide -  <a href="https://be.synxis.com/?Chain=18336&amp;themecode=OAKS&amp;configcode=OAKS&amp;brand=Oaks&amp;currency=aud&amp;hotel=70501&amp;Arrive=2025-05-04&amp;nights=8&amp;Promo=PLSA25">https://be.synxis.com/?Chain=18336&amp;themecode=OAKS&amp;configcode=OAKS&amp;brand=Oaks&amp;currency=aud&amp;hotel=70501&amp;Arrive=2025-05-04&amp;nights=8&amp;Promo=PLSA25</a></p>
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