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DAY 1 – Thursday 8 May 2025

TIME	SESSION
9:00am	Registrations
9:30am	<p>Welcome <u>Presenter:</u> Simon Woodley, General Manager, ALS Library Services</p>
9:35am	<p>Introduction <u>Presenter:</u> Jarrold Walsh, MC</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> <div style="flex: 2; padding-left: 10px;"> <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 Soccerroos, 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>President's Address <u>Presenter:</u> Pepper Mickan, President, Public Libraries SA</p>
9:45am	<p>Welcome to Country <u>Presenter:</u> Aunty Rosalind Coleman</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 2; padding-right: 10px;"> <p><i>Rosalind Coleman is a proud Kurna & Narungga woman. She's happily married with five wonderful children and fifteen amazing, precious grandchildren. Aunty Ros has an extensive background with working in education. She now works within the family business full time alongside her husband, Basil. My greatest passion is to help & assist young people, family groups and community to reach their full potential. I have a leadership role within the Aboriginal Berean Community Church which is located in Cheltenham. She is also a life coach with NLP, however, her greatest passion is teaching discipleship training and supporting and encouraging young women within the Christian faith and community. Aunty Ros is an active board member on Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation as well as other Community Organisations.</i></p> </div> <div style="flex: 1;">  </div> </div>





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10:00am	<p>Keynote Address: Future Focussed</p> <p>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> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Gus Balbontin</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> </div> </div>
11:00am	<p>Gold Sponsor</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Brenton Hall, Director, Sol.us</p> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">Solus</div>
11:02am	<p>Morning Tea</p>
11:25am	<p>IFLA Trend Report</p> <p><u>Description:</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Vicki McDonald AM FALIA, State Librarian and CEO, State Library of Queensland and President, International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) 2023-2025</p> <p><i>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</i></p> <div style="float: right; width: 150px; height: 150px;">  </div>



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	<p><i>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.</i></p>
<p>12:15pm</p>	<p>Speed Date with Hot Topics <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. Topics of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting community wellbeing (homelessness, financial hardship, mental health) • Information Literacy, fake news, AI • Engaging with CALD community • First Nations collections and programming • User engagement – innovative methods to improve user engagement • Library of Things <p><u>Facilitators:</u> PLSA Executive Committee Members</p>
<p>1:10pm</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>2:10pm</p>	<p>Panel Session – Innovation and Local Stories 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"> • 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. • 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 and Visual Story, 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. • 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.



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Facilitator:

Jarrold Walsh, MC

Panelists:

- **Simon Gillespie, Team Leader Library Strategy, Salisbury Library Service**
- **Julie Roberts and Nicole Kelly, Adelaide City Council Library Service**
- **Sarah Perrett, Team Leader Literacy and Learning, Unley Library**
- **Kirsten Barich, Teacher Librarian, Kingston Community School Library**



Simon Gillespie

Simon has worked in local government, in and around public libraries for over 30 years, working at multiple library services over that time, starting as a casual at the Hub Library and then moving on to Burnside and Salisbury. Simon has been engaged in various roles over that time. These include customer service roles, IT roles and as part of leadership groups. Simon is very passionate about public libraries and their ever-evolving place in our communities, aiming to make sure that we remain connected with our patrons and able to provide relevant services that keep them coming back.

Julie Roberts

Julie is a dedicated social work clinician and educator with extensive experience serving diverse individuals with complex needs in healthcare settings. In addition to her clinical practice, she has actively participated in service development and quality assurance projects. Notably, she was appointed to the Transforming Health Expert Working Panel for Allied Health. More recently, Julie has worked in Field Education coordination at Flinders University and the University of Tasmania, where she integrated teaching with stakeholder engagement and project management. A self-proclaimed book nerd and long-time library enthusiast, Julie is excited to combine her professional expertise with her passions in her role as the Library Connections Officer for Program Partnerships and Integration at the City of Adelaide.



Nicole Kelly



Nicole commenced her position as the Library Connections Officer - Practice Delivery with the City of Adelaide in January 2025. Prior to this, she served as a Social Worker at Services Australia, encompassing Centrelink, Child Support, and Medicare. In this capacity, Nicole provided assistance to customers confronting a variety of challenges, including mental health issues, homelessness, family and domestic violence, employment difficulties, physical health concerns, disasters, and other complex needs. Nicole is deeply committed to advocating for vulnerable populations and recognizes the invaluable and essential role that libraries serve within the community. In her current role, she is looking forward to bringing social work knowledge and skills to the library space and enhancing the capabilities of library staff.



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Sarah Perrett

Sarah is currently Team Leader Literacy and Learning with Unley Libraries. She has worked in public libraries for just over twenty years and across three states (NSW, VIC and SA).

Sarah has a passion for libraries, community service, programming and accessibility. When she isn't working or reading she can usually be found catering to the whims of her two cats.



Kirsten Barich

Kirsten is the teacher librarian at Kingston Community School Library.

She has been in the position for four years, having previously been a senior secondary Humanities, Languages and Research Project teacher, and junior primary Languages teacher. She has a strong focus on inclusion and promoting the library as a welcoming and vibrant space. In addition to introducing the 'Big Hearts: Big Play' program, Kirsten has introduced a numeracy-focused preschool program called 'Books, Blocks and Bubs', a community-focused sustainable seed library and a 'Looped In' crochet group for seniors. She has also focused on creating and implementing 'Literacy Without Barriers'; a literacy program which aims to eliminate financial, confidence and adult literacy barriers to early

childhood development, for which Kingston Community School Library was awarded the 2024 Jim Crawford Award.



3:00pm **Digital Fun Space: Exploring AR-VR-AI for Social Impact**

Description:

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.

Presenter:


Christel Cherryadi, Founder, Digital-XR Designer & Developer, Creative Director, Creart

Christel an award-winning creative technologist & innovator who specialises in utilising AI-powered Immersive Media Technologies (AR/VR/MR) to develop innovative solutions, specifically in BrandTech, MarComTech, EdTech & 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 & helped non-profit organisations upscale in Indonesia, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand & 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.



3:50pm **Afternoon Tea**



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4:15pm	<p>Courage Over Confidence</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: 1;">  </div> <div style="flex: 2;"> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Anna Lee, Anna Lee Consulting</p> <p><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 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></p> </div> </div>
5:05pm	<p>Close Jarrod Walsh, MC</p>
5:10pm	<p>Networking Drinks/Nibbles</p>



DAY 2 – Friday 9 May 2025

TIME	SESSION
8:30am	Registrations
9:00am	Introduction <u>Presenter:</u> Jarrod Walsh, MC
9:05am	Welcome <u>Presenter:</u> Pepper Mickan, President, Public Libraries SA
9:10am	Acknowledgement of Country <u>Presenter:</u> Clinton Jury, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association of SA
9:15am	LGA Update <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>Keynote Address: A Healthy Mindset</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>Madhavi Nawana Parker, Positive Minds Australia</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>





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10:35am	<p>Libraries as Catalysts for Change: Measuring Impact and Value</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>
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Hanlie Erasmus, Associate Director Public Library and Corporate Services, State Library of SA

Tim Cook, Team Leader Library Data, Public Library Services, State Library of SA

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.

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. 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.



11:15am	Morning Tea
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11:40am	<p>Challenging Behaviours in Libraries</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></p> <div style="display: flex;"><div style="flex: 1;"></div><div style="flex: 2;"><p>Dr Jane Garner, Associate Professor, Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow, School of Information and Communication Studies, Charles Sturt University</p><p><i>Dr Jane Garner is an Associate Professor and Social Science researcher with the School of Information & 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></div></div>
12:20pm	<p>Panel Session: 24/7 Library</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">• 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.• 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.• 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. <p><u>Facilitator:</u> Jarrold Walsh, MC</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Jane Garner• Lynn Spurling, Library and Tourism Coordinator, Copper Coast Council – Kadina Library• Katie Faraonio, Manager Community Relations and Programs, Prospect Library• Chandler Giles, Manager Community Participation & Partnerships, Community, Capacity & Learning, Salisbury Libraries <p>Lynn Spurling <i>With 4 decades experience delivering regional public library services in South Australia her extensive knowledge has contributed to a successful, vibrant and innovative community space in the Copper Coast. As a member of the Libraries Board from 2011 to 2020 and as a member of the Public Libraries SA Committee for 15 years, in the role of President from 2013 to 2020, Lynn has been an active participant of the SA Library Network and continues to develop and apply opportunities to improve library services for her community.</i></p> <div style="text-align: right;"></div>



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Katie Faraonio

Katie was a social worker who discovered early on that she thrives at the big-picture level, preferably with a strong coffee and a good community challenge to untangle. With a solid background in community development, she has worked across both the community and local government sectors, always guided by the belief that positive change happens when people feel connected and heard. Now leading Community Relations and Programs at the City of Prospect, she brings a holistic approach to everything from strategy to programming. While still relatively new to the library world, Katie continues to learn the

technical ropes while bringing a community development lens to the mix. She's driven by a desire to leave things a little better than she found them—and to ensure libraries are treasured community amenities for years to come.

Chandler Giles

Chandler is the Manager of Community Participation & Partnerships, Community, Capacity & Learning for Salisbury Libraries, a role she has held since early 2022. Prior to working with the City of Salisbury, Chandler was the Community Development Manager for Community Housing. Chandler also spent 11 years at the City of Adelaide first as the Community Development Officer followed by 5 years as the Senior Coordinator for Neighbourhood Development at the City of Adelaide.



1:00pm

Lunch

2:00pm

Intergenerational Programming in Libraries

Description:

This session will discuss intergenerational programming in libraries, accommodating different age groups, and bridging the gap between individuals of different ages who might not have much experience interacting. The City of Marion was a grant recipient from the Office of Ageing Well and ran intergenerational programs and events throughout the year with lots of success. Salma will discuss the programs and what worked well.

Presenter:





Salma Khan

Unit Manager Libraries, City of Marion

Salma Khan is the Unit Manager Libraries at City of Marion. With 15 years of teaching experience, Salma transitioned from public education to public libraries bringing her strong understanding of early years literacy, lifelong learning, and community engagement to her current role. She is passionate about creating inclusive, accessible library spaces and learning opportunities that support learning at every stage of life and foster a deep love of reading across diverse communities. Leveraging funding

secured through a grant from the Office for Ageing Well, Salma was able to introduce intergenerational programming at Marion Libraries, with a targeted focus on reducing social isolation and strengthening community connections across age groups. Join Salma for an engaging



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	<i>session where she'll shine a light on the highlights of intergenerational programs, share real stories from the front lines of tackling social isolation, and spark your imagination with easy ways to start your own intergenerational journey. Whether you're curious or ready to dive in, this is your chance to explore fresh ideas and connect across generations.</i>
2:30pm	<p>Discovery Project Grants</p> <p><u>Description:</u> '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.</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <p>Professor Helen Partridge (Deakin University) <i>Professor Helen Partridge is the Pro Vice-Chancellor Teaching and Learning at Deakin University. Prior to this she held leadership roles at the University of Southern Queensland and Queensland University of Technology. 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 University of Oxford and Harvard University, and in 2008 was appointed a National Fellow of the Australian Learning & Teaching Council. Professor Partridge has been an active member of the Australian and international library and information sector. She was twice elected to the Board of Directors of the Australian Library and Information association and was appointed a Fellow of the Association in 2012.</i></p>  <p>Professor Dr Simon Wakeling (Griffith University) <i>Dr Simon Wakeling is a Senior Lecturer and Associate Head of School in the School of Information Studies at Charles Sturt University. Simon's research focuses on equality of access to information, with two main strands to his work. The first focuses on scholarly communication, and particularly open access (OA) – the principle that research outputs should be freely available to anyone who wants to read them. His work in on this has included the publication of a book on the theory and practice of OA. The second strand of research relates to the role and function of public libraries, and Simon is a Co-Investigator on the ARC Discovery project 'The Role of Public Library Services for a Changing Rural Australia', and the ARC Linkage project 'Designing for Communities with Communities: Co-designing Public Libraries'.</i></p> 
3:10pm	Creating Engaging Social Media Content for Libraries



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	<p>Jasmine Argent will be giving us a quick lesson on how we can use our smart phones to create our own content. Make sure you have your smart phone/device handy for this session!</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Jasmine Argent, Marketing and Communications Support Officer, City of Marion</p> <p><i>Jasmine Argent is a Marketing and Communications Support Officer at Marion Libraries with a background in Journalism and Creative Writing and a Graduate Diploma in Information Management. She is passionate about promoting library services and engaging communities through creative and strategic communication. With her clever creativity and viral storytelling, Jasmine catapulted Marion Libraries' social media presence onto the global stage, growing their Instagram following to over 41,000 engaged fans from around the world. Her reels have captured international attention, showcasing how powerful, playful, and authentic content can transform a local library into a digital sensation. In this dynamic and hands-on session, Jasmine will share her top tips, tricks, and tools to help you elevate your social media game. You'll learn how to create content that connects, grows your audience, and stands out in an ever-scrolling world.</i></p>



3:30pm	Afternoon Tea
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3:50pm	<p>Engaging with First Nations People</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> Elijah Bravington</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>The Innovation Imperative: Creating Possibilities for the World of Tomorrow</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> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Louka Parry, CEO & Founder, The Learning Future Australia <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.</i></p>
5:10pm	<p>Farewell</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Simon Woodley, General Manager, ALS Library Services</p>
5:15pm	<p>Close</p> <p><u>Presenter:</u> Jarrod Walsh, MC</p>
5:15pm	<p>Networking Drinks</p>





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- \$275 (half day only)

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