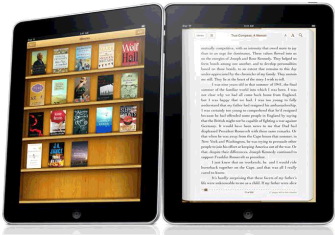


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Title of project/innovation/initiative	iPads for public education
Date initiated	2011
Date completed	ongoing

The issue/challenge

With the impending roll out of the NBN, increasing uptake of technology, and increasing use of mobile technologies by members, libraries need to proactively demonstrate they are relevant in this area.

Project details

In 2011, Sunshine Coast Libraries purchased 10 iPads and accessories which will be used in public education sessions and staff training. Initially, the iPads will be circulated amongst staff in each branch, to enable the staff to experience mobile computing and discover applications for such devices in libraries. After the staff orientation is complete, the iPads will be circulated as a group to enable public education sessions to commence.

It is envisaged that the public education sessions will include general information on what is possible with these devices, and move into areas such as exploring opportunities to apply the iPad in businesses, and creative pursuits. Because of the intuitive nature of the devices, there is huge scope for their application in adult literacy courses, something which Sunshine Coast Libraries are currently researching. Although 10 devices is not many across our 10 branches, it is envisaged they will play a part in demonstrating innovation within our service to the public.