

Dear Elected Member,

Congratulations on the opportunity you have, to make a difference to your community.

The Executive Board of the Queensland Public Library Association (QPLA) would like to impress upon you the role that Libraries will play in supporting communities to recover from the economic and social disruption caused by COVID-19.

LGAQ's biennial survey of Community Attitudes to Local Government consistently reports that libraries are the most appreciated Council Community Service and they are the highest performer. * Libraries are good for business and for every \$1 invested in Australian public libraries there is a return of \$2.90 to the economy.

The statistics below highlight the value of Queensland public library services across the state+:

Australian public libraries deliver benefits that are worth nearly three times the cost of running them. *



87,000

events and activities are held by Libraries in Queensland every year

1.8 million

people attend these events

21 million visitors

to Queensland libraries every year



36 million

items are borrowed annually

7 million

items are available for people to borrow

Almost

2 million people

are members of a public library

Libraries work in partnership with the local community and can respond to local and global issues, as well as celebrate, showcase and develop the region's assets and talents. They present a positive public face for Council and are a place where every member of the community feels welcome.

In a post-pandemic environment, where disruption and social isolation has become the new normal, QPLA encourages you to support, promote and most importantly visit your local library.

Discover how this trusted Council service changes people's lives every day, providing certainty and social inclusion in an uncertain world.

Yours Sincerely
QPLA Executive Board.