Innovation in Heritage Services Application Form

Background

The Innovation in Heritage Services Award provides recognition for the high-quality heritage programs and services provided by public libraries, IKC's and RLQ's across Queensland
The awards are administered by QPLA. The award is sponsored by Accessible Formats Australia.

Objectives

- To recognise the diversity of heritage services provided by public libraries
- To encourage libraries to be innovative in the heritage services they provide
- To acknowledge, celebrate and share the diversity of heritage services provided within communities across Queensland
- To reward and acknowledge library services for providing heritage services within their communities

Please indicate which population category you are in:

- Population less than 35,000
- Population over 35,000

Innovation In Heritage Services Criteria

1. Heritage Preservation and Promotion (30%)
    - **Cultural Preservation**: Demonstrates significant efforts to collect, preserve, and showcase local history, indigenous culture, or community heritage.
    - **Access to Heritage**: Implements innovative strategies to make heritage materials accessible to a wider audience (e.g., digital archives, exhibitions, or outreach programs).

2. Innovation and Creativity (25%)

- **Novel Approaches**: Uses unique methods or technologies to engage the community with heritage, such as virtual reality, interactive displays, or creative programming.
- **Modernization:** Balances the preservation of historical assets with the adoption of contemporary practices to enhance their appeal and relevance.

3. Community Engagement and Impact (20%)

- **Collaboration**: Builds partnerships with schools, historical societies, indigenous groups, or local artists to amplify the reach and authenticity of heritage projects.
- **Public Participation**: Encourages community involvement in heritage initiatives, such as oral history projects, workshops, or crowdsourced digital archives.

4. Inclusivity and Diversity (15%)

- **Representation**: Ensures the inclusion of diverse cultural narratives, particularly marginalized or underrepresented groups, in heritage initiatives.
- **Accessibility:** Designs programs and resources that cater to all segments of the population, including people with disabilities and non-English speakers.

5. Sustainability and Long-Term Vision (10%)

- **Resource Management**: Demonstrates environmentally sustainable practices in heritage conservation and program implementation.
- **Future Planning**: Outlines strategies for maintaining and expanding heritage initiatives to ensure their impact over time.

Eligibility

To be eligible:

- The Council whose library service is submitting the entry – must be a current financial member of QPLA
- The heritage project service must have been undertaken in the previous financial year.
- Only one entry will be considered from each Council or Library Service (all member Councils must be current financial members of QPLA)
- A Council that is a member of a Regional Library Service may also enter an individual entry if the project is for the sole benefit of that Council
- Attendance at the QPLA LeAD event by a representative of a Council/Regional Library Service that has submitted an entry.

Submitting Applications

- Submit completed entry, including one 'hero' image, signed by the Manager, to: secretary@qpla.asn.au
- Please note that late entries will not be accepted.

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Signed by Library Manager:

Manager Name

Date