BRISBANE
2026

PROGRAM

Day 1 | Wednesday 14 October 2026 | 8.30am – 5.00pm

Time	Session
8.15AM for 8.30AM start-9.00AM	**QPLA AGM** Room: Chancellor 1 & 6
8.30AM – 9.30AM	Registration Desk open – Coffee and Tea
9.15AM – 9.30AM	**Official Opening** – Hotel Grand Chancellor Ballroom **Welcome to Country –** Refiti Tovi **Welcome to the Conference** –QPLA President, Colleen Bentzen
9.30AM – 10.30AM	**KEYNOTE SPEAKER** | Scott Millar *Winning The Next Generation Of Library Users*
10.30AM – 10.50AM	MORNING TEA
10.50AM – 11.20AM	**GOLD SPONSOR – Presentation** | Varley Group
11.20AM – 12.20PM	**SPEAKER** | Kevin Hennah
12.20PM – 12.30PM	**LIGHTING TALK** | *Libraries as Community Connectors: Parent survey insights on making libraries more welcoming for all families* | Kylie Aekins, Marie Vlahakis
12.30PM – 1.00PM	**LUNCH – *Kindly sponsored by Communico***
1.00PM – 1.15PM	**LIGHTNING TALK** | *Activating Heritage Spaces Through Community Storytelling* | Kristianne Bucknall, Redland Libraries
1.15PM – 2.15PM	**KEYNOTE** | Dr Tessa Bailey It's Not "Just Part of the Job": Managing Psychosocial Risk in Today's Libraries
2.15PM – 2.45PM	**SPEAKER + SPONSORS** Brimarco Communico Local Buy | Anne-Maree Hapgood
2.45PM – 3.00PM	**AFTERNOON TEA**
3.00PM – 4.15PM	**WORKSHOP** | Mobile & Outreach
4.15PM – 5.00PM	**LIGHTNING TALKS** | 1. *Age-Friendly Community Development Program: Designing Interactive Programs for Older Adults* | Tracey Swann, Redland Libraries 2. *Virtual Reality (VR) headsets and career exploration software at the library for job seekers* | Michelle Lopez, Meaghan Brown, Redland Libraries 3.*Firm, Fair, and Human-Centered: Managing Unreasonable Teen Behaviours in Council Library Spaces* | Kym Brinkley, Ipswich Libraries
5.00PM – 7.00PM	**Welcome Reception and Trade Exhibition Launch –*Sponsored by Solus*** Hotel Grand Chancellor Grand Ballroom & Terrace Bar – Level 1

	Meet the vendors, network with other professionals, along with some exciting announcements. **Sponsor Presentation** - Welcome Reception Sponsor – **Solus** **Sponsor Presentation** - Principal Sponsor – **Local Buy** **Sponsor Presentation** - Dinner Sponsor - **BFX** **Launch Trade Passport**

Day 2 | Thursday 15 October 2026 | 8.30am – 5.00pm

Time	Session
8.30AM – 9.00AM	Registration Desk open – Coffee and Tea
8.45AM – 9.00AM	**DAY ONE Overview** | QPLA President ***Sponsor Announcement - Silver Sponsor | Peter Pal Library Supplier***
9.00AM-10.00AM	**KEYNOTE SPEAKER |** *Minding Your Mind: Practical strategies for mental clarity, resilience and performance* – James O'Loghlin
10.00AM – 10.30AM	**MORNING TEA AND TRADE EXHIBITION** *Kindly sponsored by Ulverscroft*
10.30AM-10.35AM	**Sponsor Announcement – *Morning Tea Sponsor – Ulverscroft***
10.35AM – 10.50AM	**LIGHTNING TALK |** *Redbank Plaza Library Refurbishment* | Jo Jones, Ipswich Libraries
10.50AM -11.30AM	**SPEAKER |** *CSU CoDesign Toolkit for Public Libraries* | Jane Garner
11.30AM – 12.25PM	**SPEAKER |** QPLA/SLQ Library Leaders | Kaley Schelks and Library Leaders TBC
12.25PM -12:30PM	**Sponsor Announcement – *Lunch Sponsor – James Bennett***
12.30PM – 1.30PM	**LUNCH AND TRADE EXHIBITION** *Kindly sponsored by James Bennett*
1.30PM – 2.30PM	**SPEAKER |** *Empowering regional girls through libraries as trusted community hubs, building STEM identity, future workforce capability, digital confidence, and local community connection* – Sarah Chapman
2.30PM – 3.00PM	**QPLA Cheryl Haughton Scholarship 2025 Report** *From Risk to Resilience – a trauma informed framework for sustainable library services* – Alicia Thiang
3.00PM – 3.10PM	**SPEAKER** | *Bringing Open Access content home to Public Libraries* – Holly Taylor, Sirsi Dynix
3.10PM – 3.40PM	**AFTERNOON TEA**
3.50PM – 4.55PM	**WORKSHOP |** State Library of Queensland
4.55PM – 5.00PM	**Wrap Up and Key Messages –** QPLA President, Colleen Bentzen

	Conference Dinner Function – Hotel Grand Chancellor Ballroom, Ground Level Join us in the Courtyard for pre-dinner drinks, followed by the Gala Dinner in the Hotel Grand Chancellor Ballroom!
6.30PM – 11.00PM	**Presentation of Awards** QPLA LG Award 2026 QPLA Multicultural Excellence Award 2026 QPLA Innovation in Heritage Services Award 2026 Cheryl Haughton Scholarship 2026-27 Recipient **Dinner event and Entertainment kindly sponsored by BFX Furniture**

Day 3 | Friday 16 October 2026 | 9.00am – 3.30pm

Time	Session
8.30AM – 9.00AM	Registration Desk open – Coffee and Tea
8.45AM – 9.00AM	**DAY TWO Overview** | QPLA President, Colleen Bentzen ***Sponsor Announcement – Morning Tea sponsor – Beamafilm***
9.00AM – 10.00AM	**PRESENTATION** | Workplace Aggression in Libraries: Prevalence, Experience, and Organisational Implications | Associate Professor Jane Garner **PANEL DISCUSSION |** Nicole Hunt, Jane Garner, Darren Smith, Alicia Thiang
10.00AM – 10.30AM	**PRESENTATION |** *What's next for Trove Partner services and engaging the Trove Community* | Nikki Darby and Jenny Ostini, National Library of Australia
10.30AM – 11.00AM	**MORNING TEA AND TRADE EXHIBIT**
11.00AM – 12.00PM	**SPEAKER |** *Stay Smart Online: how to help older Australians spot misinformation and find facts* | Saffron Howden
12.00PM – 12.30PM	**LIGHTNING TALK (2 X 15 MINS)** 1. *Built With Purpose: Community Led Design of a Cultural Centre* | Cecil Barnard, Western Downs Regional Council 2. *Giving Libraries a Second Life: Sustainable Refurbishment* | Brynn Livingstone, Cairns Libraries
12.30pm – 1.30pm	**LUNCH AND TRADE EXHIBIT** ***Trade Passport Prize Draw***
1.30pm – 2.00pm	**SPEAKER | ALIA CEO + President Update** – Cathie Warburton, Lisa Bateman
2.00PM – 2.30PM	**LIGHTNING TALK | (2 X 15 MINS)** 1. *Thriving through change: How the Toowoomba City Library team positively embraced a staffing restructure* | Melita Oehlman, Toowoomba Libraries 2. *QPLA/ALIA Mentoring Program 2025 Report* | Jemima Desbrow, Logan Libraries, Sandra Donovan and Aimee Torrent, City of Moreton Bay
2.30PM – 3.30PM	**KEYNOTE SPEAKER |** Luke Bateman
3.30PM	**Conference Close –** QPLA President, Colleen Bentzen