369 public libraries, with a further 34 satellite locations and 20 mobile libraries, provide access to information services across the state.
Corporate overview
The Library Act 1939, as amended by the Cultural Institutions (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1989, provides that the Library Council of NSW shall be the governing body of the State Library of NSW.

The Library Act is an Act of the Parliament of the State of New South Wales. It provides that the Library Council shall be the governing body of the State Library of NSW. The Act stipulates that the Library Council shall be constituted under Part 2 of the Library Act. The nine members of the Library Council are members of the public nominated by the Minister and appointed for a three-year term by the Governor of NSW. The Act stipulates that members must include:

- at least one person who has knowledge of, or experience in, education, and
- at least one person who has knowledge of, or experience in, local government.

The Library Council members fulfilling these requirements are Dr John Vallance and Ms Jan Richards respectively. The NSW State Librarian & Chief Executive is the Secretary to the Library Council.

The Council’s responsibilities relate to the promotion, provision, maintenance and quality assurance of library and information services for the people of NSW; and advising the Minister and local authorities on matters of policy and administration relating to public library services. Library Council members are appointed for a term not exceeding three years and may be reappointed, but no council member shall hold office for four consecutive terms. Council members do not receive remuneration for the board activities.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE LIBRARY COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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It has been a privilege to be President of the Library Council at such an exciting time. The Library is embracing new technology while celebrating its extraordinary collection of original material. I enjoy working with the Executive team and the rest of the Library Council. The passion and enthusiasm of all our staff, volunteers, beneficiaries and friends continues to amaze me.

My association with the Library goes back over 10 years when, in my former role as CEO at Perpetual Trustees, I was proud to sponsor some of the superb exhibitions staged by the Library. This led to my appreciation of the deep, diverse and priceless collection of absorbing materials held in the Mitchell collection.
MR RODNEY CAVALIER AO

APPOINTED 2013
CURRENT TERM ENDS DECEMBER 2015

I believe in the power of libraries to transform lives. The State Library of NSW is one of the world’s great cultural institutions. I realise with trepidation I have been visiting it for more than 50 years.

MR MICHAEL CAULFIELD

FILMMAKER / WRITER
APPOINTED 10 FEBRUARY 2010
CURRENT TERM ENDS DECEMBER 2015

My first sight of the Library was as a young boy from the western suburbs of Sydney and the addiction was immediate. I am particularly interested in the Library’s future in the digital age and using its cultural wealth across all media platforms.

MR RICHARD FISHER AM

LLB, MEd
GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY AND AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR IN ITS GRADUATE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT
APPOINTED 2005
CURRENT TERM ENDED DECEMBER 2013
CHAIR, GRANTS COMMITTEE
CHAIR, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE
CHAIR, STATE LIBRARY OF NSW FOUNDATION TRUSTEES
PUBLIC LIBRARIES CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
CHAIR, LIAC ADVISORY BOARD

Beyond my involvement with the establishment of the Blake Dawson Prize for Business Literature (now the Ashurst Prize), which the Library administers, it has been very rewarding to become involved with the most impressive programs undertaken by the Library to support both the public library network and specialist collections.

PROFESSOR MARTIN NAKATA

BED(Hons), PhD
DIRECTOR, NURA GILI CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS
APPOINTED 2013
CURRENT TERM ENDS DECEMBER 2015

With an academic background in Indigenous higher education, I currently work as the Director of Nura Gili Indigenous Programs Unit at the University of New South Wales where we deliver academic learning support programs for Australian Indigenous students, teach Australian Indigenous studies courses to all students, and undertake Indigenous research work.
I am the Manager of Central West Libraries, a regional public library based on the Central Tablelands and Western Slopes of NSW. The State Library of NSW has been a crucial part of my working life for longer than I care to remember; a source of information, support, inspiration and advice. The opportunity to contribute to one of the world’s great libraries and to chair the Public Libraries Consultative Committee is an honour.

When I was an MP, the State Library next door was my refuge from politics. Writing became my creative outlet and the Library a key source of material for my biographies of William Charles Wentworth and Lord Sydney. I owe a great deal to the Library staff and all who have gone before them. As a member of the Library Council, I hope to give something back.

I am currently Headmaster of Sydney Grammar School. My published work centres on ancient Greek, science and medicine. I have also worked as a musician and have a deep interest in art, especially sculpture. The State Library has been part of my life since I was a child, and I am delighted now to have the opportunity to support its work in a practical way.

I am a professional librarian, researcher and writer with a deep interest in the roles of memory institutions, the complexity of issues relating to Indigenous peoples and transmission of knowledge. I served for a decade in leadership positions with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, including as President from 2005 to 2007. It is a tremendous honour to lead this great library, cherish its collections and people, and work with the public library network across NSW.
Standing committees of the Library Council of NSW
—as at 30 June 2014

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE
The Audit and Risk Committee provides independent assistance to the Library Council of NSW by overseeing and monitoring the Library Council of NSW’s governance, risk and control frameworks, its external accountability requirements, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and outcomes of internal and external audits. It makes recommendations to the Library Council on strategic and operational matters, to enable it to discharge its responsibilities with regard to these matters.

In accordance with the Library Act 1939, section 7B (1), the Audit and Risk Committee is also delegated the Council’s powers of investment, makes decisions concerning the management of Council and Library Foundation funds, and advises the Council when these powers are exercised.

Four meetings were held between July 2013 and June 2014. Key agenda items included: the review of financial performance and financial position, strategic and operational risks, internal audit and external audit reports, investment reports, and workplace health and safety matters.

MEMBERS
Victoria Weekes (Chair)
Susan Doyle
Robert Thomas AM
Richard Fisher AM (term ended on 31 December 2013)

IN ATTENDANCE
Dr Alex Byrne, NSW State Librarian & Chief Executive
Piyush Bhatt (Executive Officer) Acting Director, Operations & Chief Financial Officer
Hakan Harman (Executive Officer) Director, Operations & Chief Financial Officer (term ended 20 December 2013)

PUBLIC LIBRARIES CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
The committee provides:
• advice to Library Council concerning the development of guidelines for Library Development Grants; however, the committee does not evaluate grant applications nor allocate Library Development Grants.
• Membership of the committee includes representatives of key stakeholder bodies.

The committee meets four times per year.

MEMBERS:
Library Council of NSW
Jan Richards (Chair), Manager, Library Services, Central West Libraries
Andrew Tink AM
Robert Thomas AM (until March 2014)
Susan Doyle (from March 2014)

Public Libraries NSW — Metropolitan
Michelle Simon, Manager, Canterbury City Library
Councillor Veronique Marchandeau (President), North Sydney Council
Paul Scully, Manager, Fairfield City Library

Public Libraries NSW — Country
Councillor Graham Smith (Chair), Cessnock City Council
Keryl Collard, Manager, Maitland City Library
Robert Knight, Director, Riverina Regional Library

Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW
Noel Baum, Strategy Manager
Councillor Julie Hegarty, Pittwater Council

State Library of NSW
Dr Alex Byrne, NSW State Librarian & Chief Executive
Frances Sims, Director, Public Library & Learning Services
Cameron Morley, Executive Officer & Manager Funding & Advisory Services
Library Council of NSW Grants Committee

The committee is responsible for assessing applications for Library Development Grants received from local authorities in NSW. It defines priority areas for grants and recommends their allocation to Library Council. The Grants Committee meets as required.

Members:
Robert Thomas AM
Andrew Tink AM

IN ATTENDANCE
Dr Alex Byrne
Frances Sims
Cameron Morley

Honours Committee

The Honours Committee assists the Library Council with regard to the conferral of honours and honorary appointments.

Members
Robert Thomas AM (Chair), President of the Library Council of NSW – Appointed
Andrew Tink AM, Member of the Library Council of NSW
Jan Richards (Chair), Member of the Library Council of NSW

IN ATTENDANCE
Dr Alex Byrne, NSW State Librarian & Chief Executive

State Library of NSW Foundation Trustees

The State Library of NSW Foundation is managed by the State Library and governed by a Board established under the Constitution with the Trust safeguarded by Trustees.

The Foundation is a controlled entity of the Library Council of NSW as a not-for-profit organisation with its accounts consolidated as part of the NSW Total State Sector Accounts. Its governance and financial affairs are conducted within the context of the NSW Public Sector and as such in accordance with requirements of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983 and Regulation, Treasurers Circulars and Directions. It is covered for insurance through the NSW Treasury Managed Fund Scheme; administered by the NSW Self Insurance Corporation.

Members of the Board at any time during the financial year are listed below:
Patty Akopianz
John Atkin
Graham Bradley AM
Maxine Brenner
Dr Alex Byrne
Dina Coppel
Peter Crossing
Sally Herman
Samantha Meers
Steven Schwartz AM
Anthony O’Sullivan
Robert Thomas AM
Dr John Vallance
Kim Williams AM

The Trustees at any time during the financial year are listed below:
Graham Bradley AM
Maxine Brenner
Dr Alex Byrne
Susan Doyle
Richard Fisher AM
Robert Thomas AM
Dr John Vallance

IN ATTENDANCE
Susan Hunt (Executive Officer), Executive Director, State Library of NSW Foundation
Lucy Milne, Director, Marketing & Business Development
Kay Payne, Partnership Manager, State Library of NSW Foundation
LEGAL INFORMATION ACCESS CENTRE (LIAC)

ADVISORY BOARD
The Board guides the strategic development of LIAC. Meetings were held in September and February, and an extraordinary meeting was held in May.

MEMBERS
Richard Fisher AM (Chair), General Counsel & Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Government, University of Sydney
Tom Alegounarias, President, Board of Studies NSW
Dr Alex Byrne, NSW State Librarian & Chief Executive
Julianne Evans, Director, LawAccess NSW (current term ended January 2014)
Julie Foreman, Executive Officer, Tenants’ Union of NSW
Maria Girdler, Representing Combined Community Legal Centres’ Group (NSW) Inc, Manager, Macquarie Legal Centre (current term ended January 2014)
Bill Grant OAM, Chief Executive Officer, Legal Aid Commission of NSW
Katrina Ironside, Solicitor
John McKenzie, Chief Legal Officer, Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd
Geoff Mulherin, Director, Law and Justice Foundation of NSW
Hon. Paul Stein QC AM, Chair, Board of Governors, Law and Justice Foundation of NSW (current term ended January 2014)
Frances Sims, Director, Public Library & Learning Services, State Library of NSW
Michael Talbot, Assistant Director General, Courts & Tribunal Services, NSW Department of Justice
Michael Tidball, Chief Executive Officer, Law Society of NSW, represented by Magdalena Malota
Janet Wagstaff, Director, LawAccess NSW

IN ATTENDANCE
Sue Walden (Executive Officer)
Philippa Scarf (Executive Officer, May 2014)
State Librarian’s performance statement

Dr Alex Byrne
State Librarian & Chief Executive, SES Level 5
Appointment commenced on 5 September 2011
Total remuneration package $311,750 per annum

The Secretary has once again expressed his satisfaction with the performance of the State Librarian Dr Alex Byrne.

The State Librarian is responsible for the administration and management of the State Library and the library and information services it provides; including development of its extensive heritage collection, online products and databases, support for the public library network and a range of public programs that connect the Library’s collection to the broader community.

Key achievements for 2013–14 include:

- The Digital Excellence Program, funded by the NSW Government to enable digitisation of the Library’s most iconic and at risk collections, has now become ‘business as usual’ in the new Digital Experience Division and has delivered a host of digital content to NSW residents, an increase from 0.5 M digital objects created from 2002–2012 to 5 M 2012–2014.
- Establishment of the ICT Services Scheme G02 Digitisation Sub-Category is a related key initiative to strengthen the digitisation industry.
- The ICT infrastructure upgrade has almost been completed with SAP, email, VOIP, desktop and multifunction printers and other systems installed for staff and clients with the final element well advanced, procurement of the Library Management System and Web & Online Services platform.
- Public Library Infrastructure Fund announced in 2014–15 Budget which provides a new approach to stimulating investment in built and IT infrastructure across the 369 public libraries of NSW.
- Plans for the Mitchell Renewal have been developed and restoration of the Mitchell Library Reading Room is about to start with funding from the State Library of NSW Foundation.
- Leadership in WWI centenary programming among NSW cultural institutions and national and state libraries of Australia supported by partnerships with News Corp Australia, Australian War Memorial and National Archives.
- Strong exhibitions program including landmark Artist Colony: Drawing Sydney’s Nature and Life Interrupted: Personal Diaries from World War I, both gaining strong media coverage.
- Indigenous Unit developed into Indigenous Services Branch and strong program of consultation with Indigenous communities initiated.
- Extensive regional programs including the schools, exhibitions, grants and subsidies, visiting writers and curators, family history and other training, advice to councils and public libraries, and visits by the State Librarian, Library Council and the Public Libraries Consultative Committee.

Detailed information on the achievements of the State Library over the past 12 months is contained in this Annual Report.

Mark I Paterson AO
Secretary
NSW Trade & Investment
Organisational structure

as at 30 June 2014

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