



Troy Grant
Deputy Premier of NSW
Minister for the Arts

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NEW APPOINTMENTS TO LIBRARY COUNCIL OF NSW

Deputy Premier and Minister for the Arts Troy Grant has welcomed three new appointments and two reappointments to the Library Council of NSW.

“I’m pleased to announce that Kathryn Bail, Ursula Dubosarsky and Gai McGrath will join the Council, while Professor Martin Nakata and Michael Caulfield have been reappointed,” Mr Grant said.

“These members bring a wealth of skills, experience and talent to the Council, which oversees and guides the management of the State Library of NSW and the Statewide Public Library Network.

“The State Library is our main public reference and research library, while public libraries are much valued community institutions throughout the State. Each year, there are more than 35 million visits to public libraries, and over five million online visits to the State Library.”

Mr Grant thanked outgoing Council members Rodney Cavalier, Susan Doyle and Maxine Brenner for their contributions.

“Mr Cavalier has provided dedicated service over the past three years and did important work for the Honours Committee, while Ms Brenner contributed greatly to the State Library Foundation,” he said.

“Ms Doyle, who retired in August, played valuable roles as chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and a member of the Public Libraries Consultative Committee and Grants Committee.”

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Trust Bios

Kathryn Bail is Chief Executive of UNSW Press Ltd, which publishes books in partnership with cultural institutions and other organisations. She is an experienced journalist and editor, having edited magazines such as *The Bulletin with Newsweek*, *The Australian Financial Review Magazine*, *HQ* and *Rolling Stone*. Ms Bail is on the board of Artspace Ltd, a residency-based contemporary art centre in Sydney.

Ursula Dubosarsky is a writer of fiction, non-fiction, drama and poetry for children and young adults. She has won nine national literary prizes including five NSW Premier's Literary Awards, and in 2013 was inducted into the Speech Pathology Australian Hall of Fame for her contribution to children's literature.

Gai McGrath is General Manager of Retail Banking, Westpac Australia and has extensive experience in the private financial and legal sector including roles on senior boards and committees. She has been a director of the State Library of NSW Foundation, Chair of the Retail Banking Committee of the Australian Bankers' Association and Trustee of the IN-Tandem Staff Superannuation Fund of Westpac New Zealand.

Martin Nakata is Professor of Indigenous Education and Director of the Nura Gili Indigenous Programs Unit at the University of NSW. His current research area is in Indigenous higher education, studying forms of Indigenous academic persistence, or habits of learning, that correlate with educational performance.

Michael Caulfield is a writer, film-maker, musician, composer and theatre director. He has written books, plays, film scores, choral works and screenplays, and directed feature films, documentaries and IMAX films. He lives in the central west of NSW and is deeply involved in cultural institutions, serving on various boards and committees over the past 10 years.

List of members of the Library Council of NSW from 1 January 2016: Andrew Tink AM (president), Michael Caulfield, Professor Martin Nakata, Dr John Vallance, Jan Richards, Gai McGrath, Kathryn Bail, Ursula Dubosarsky, Professor Peter Shergold AC.