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NEW MEMBERS OF LIBRARY COUNCIL OF NSW APPOINTED

The NSW Government has welcomed the appointment of three members of the Library Council of NSW, Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Arts, George Souris, said today.

He said Ms Maxine Brenner and Ms Susan Doyle were newly appointed Council members, while Dr John Vallance had been reappointed for a third term. The three-year terms of the members will start on 1 January 2014.

“It is my great pleasure to confirm these appointments to the Library Council of NSW which oversees and guides the management of the State Library of NSW and the state wide Public Library Network,” Mr Souris said.

“The State Library of NSW is one of the State’s pre-eminent cultural institutions with assets worth \$2.2 billion. It is NSW’s main public reference and research library, housing a collection that includes nine of the 11 First Fleet journals. The Library also administers public library grants and subsidies, including the Government’s regional library revitalisation package and funding for wireless internet in regional libraries.

“The newly appointed Council members will bring substantial experience and expertise in law, public administration, teaching and the arts to their roles advising on the promotion, provision and maintenance of library and information services for the people of NSW.”

Mr Souris also paid tribute to the outgoing Council members, Graham Bradley AM and Richard Fisher AM, whose third and final terms expire on 31 December 2013.

“I want to thank them for their commitment and acknowledge their hard work and contribution on behalf of the NSW Government and the community.

“Graham Bradley has been an active promoter of the Library Foundation and has built lasting relationships for the Library with major corporations.

“Richard Fisher has made an enormous contribution as a Foundation Trustee, Chair of the Legal Information Access Centre Advisory Board, and as a member of several committees. His dedication and experience in the legal profession and corporate finance has been of great assistance.”

President of the Library Council of NSW, Mr Rob Thomas AM also recognised their dedication to the work of the Library, and welcomed incoming members.

“On behalf of the State Library, I want to sincerely thank Graham and Richard for their tireless contributions over the last 9 years. We are truly indebted to them. While the State Library is recognised as one of the world’s greatest libraries, it is unique in its obligations to the 376 strong public libraries that are at the core of our communities.

“The Library Council is delighted to welcome Maxine and Susan with their skills and expertise, which will assist us in meeting our obligations to the people of New South Wales, as the Library looks to the future with exciting development plans soon to be announced.”

The newly appointed Council members are:

- **Maxine Brenner**; a lawyer with expertise in both corporate and media law. She is currently a non-executive director on number boards including Qantas, Origin Energy and Orica. Ms Brenner has been a member of the State Library of NSW Foundation since 2010.
- **Susan Doyle**; the current Chair of the State Library of NSW Audit and Risk Committee. She has had a long and distinguished career in funds management. Ms Doyle was appointed to the Future Fund Board of Guardians in 2006 and previously served on numerous public sector boards including the Takeovers Panel for the Commonwealth Government (2005-2011).

The reappointed Council member is:

- **Dr John Vallance**; first appointed to the Library Council of NSW in January 2008 and is also a current Trustee of the State Library of NSW Foundation. Dr Vallance is Headmaster, Sydney Grammar School and the author of many articles in the *Oxford Classical Dictionary* and *Encyclopaedia Italiana*. He has published extensively on ancient philosophy and science, and lectured at universities in the United States and Europe, including the University of Cambridge. Dr Vallance is also a Director of the National Art School.

They join fellow Council members, Robert Thomas AM (President), Michael Caulfield, Rodney Cavalier AO, Professor Martin Nakata, Jan Richards and Andrew Tink.

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