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NLNZ to get \$69 million makeover



The National Library of New Zealand will be redeveloped over the next three years at a cost of \$NZ69 million (\$A57 million) Prime Minister Helen Clark announced on Tuesday as part of the NZ budget.

'The redevelopment will open up and expand the building, making its valuable heritage collections more accessible to the public, and creating almost 4000 square metres of additional storage and exhibition space,' Clark said.

'The National Library's collections are estimated to be worth \$1 billion.

'They include material such as journals and notebooks of Katherine Mansfield, Sir Apirana Ngata's papers, and a diverse range of books, cartoons, paintings, photographs, and sound recordings. It also houses the Alexander Turnbull Library.

'This development is a major milestone in the history of the National Library – a 21st century library for the digital age will be created.'

The redevelopment will provide controlled storage environments, which meet international preservation standards for collections, and will enhance research space and facilities.

The Alexander Turnbull Library, which is housed in the current building on Molesworth Street, will have a more prominent presence and its unique identity will be maintained.

'The redeveloped Molesworth Street building will be built on the existing structure,' Minister for the National Library Judith Tizard said.

'It will maximise use of public space in the parliamentary precinct, add space for exhibitions and digital services, and incorporate environmental sustainability features.'

The building will be encased in a 'highly glazed skin' with a five-storey atrium.

The existing bunker-like cladding of the building will be removed, with extensions outwards in all four directions.

Work on the building is planned to start towards the end of 2009 and be complete by the end of 2011.

The National Library will ensure that its collections continue to be available during the redevelopment. Tizard said the redevelopment was an 'exciting and significant' milestone in the history of the institution.

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NEWS

What's cooking at State Library of New South Wales



The State Library of New South Wales has opened an exhibition featuring its large collection of Australian cookbooks.

Using colourful reproductions from the Library's extensive collection of original cookery books, Australian Cookbooks reveals a culinary story about food trends and curiosities from the 1860s to the present day.

'The first known Australian cookbook broke away from the traditional English fare with a mix of some wonderful localised dishes with ingredients like black swan, emu and wombat,' curator Pat Turner said.

The State Library holds a rare edition of this first volume, The English And Australian Cookery Book, by Tasmanian land owner and parliamentarian Edward Abbott, which was published in 1864.

Visitors to the display will discover fresh insight into the popular genre of the cookbook.

There are some surprising cultural stories from the country's history captured in examples such as the frugal yet creative recipes published during World War I and World War II, and the exotic taste influences of new cultures.

The library's collection of cookbooks also includes rare international editions and has been enhanced in recent years thanks to a substantial donation from John Hoyle.

Microsoft abandons its book digitisation program

Microsoft announced this week it would no longer be attempting to create an online library of the world's books to compete with a similar Google project.

Live Search Books and Live Search Academics projects are being cancelled and the websites will be taken down next week.

Microsoft search senior vice-president Satya Nadella said this also meant the company was winding down digitisation initiatives, including library scanning and in-copyright book programs.

'Based on our experience, we foresee that the best way for a search engine to make book content available will be by crawling content repositories created by book publishers and libraries,' she said.

Microsoft launched its online library projects as a response to Google's often contentious campaign to make all written works available free online in digital format.

Publishers and authors have lashed out at Google for what they see as copyright violations.

Quote of the Week

'Yes, there's such a thing as luck in trial law but it only comes at 3 o'clock in the morning. You'll still find me in the library looking for luck at 3 o'clock in the morning.'

Louis Nizer – English lawyer (1902-1994)

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'The redevelopment of this building will ensure that the National Library of New Zealand continues to make an important contribution to our national identity both in our own sense of nationhood, as well as increasing the awareness and understanding of New Zealand internationally,' she said.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AUDIT PROGRAM

In other NZ budget news, Archives New Zealand will undertake a recordkeeping audit program across the public sector following allocation of \$2 million over four years for the project.

'Good recordkeeping is essential to good government and I am delighted that Archives New Zealand now has the capability to carry out world class audits,' Tizard, who is also responsible for the Archives, said.

Over the next two years Archives New Zealand will establish the audit framework and run pilot audits to support government organisations in their recordkeeping functions.

Archives New Zealand will be seeking input from the auditing community to ensure a good result.

From mid 2010 the audits proper will begin and 2700 agencies will be audited from then until 2016.

'This budget also recognises the importance of ensuring government records are maintained and a further \$880,000 over the next two years has been set aside to identify the volume of records likely to come to Archives New Zealand in the future, and develop options to meet this need over the next 20 to 30 years,' Tizard said.

'Once this project is complete government will be able to address storage requirements for the on-going capacity for keeping public archives and ensuring their accessibility for future generations.'

NEW LENDING RIGHTS SCHEME

Clark also revealed that the government was working on legislation to introduce a public lending rights scheme similar to the one already in place in Australia.

Until that time an additional \$2 million over four years will be invested in the New Zealand Authors Fund.

'Like other similar schemes throughout the world, the New Zealand initiative will give authors a right to receive payments in recognition of the public benefit derived from the free use of their works in libraries, subject to eligibility criteria,' Clark said.

'The New Zealand Public Lending Right will be administered by a government department, with input from an external advisory group.'

Clark said the New Zealand Public Lending Right was a response to concerns raised by authors over a number of years about the Authors' Fund.

'Entrenching the scheme in its own legislation and placing its administration within a government department will give the scheme greater statutory protection and remove the risk of it being subject to changes to another agency's legislation,' she said.

The Authors' Fund will continue to operate, as currently administered by Creative New Zealand, until the new Public Lending Right is established.

The additional \$500,000 per annum is available to Creative New Zealand for the Authors' Fund, thus raising the fund's budget to \$2 million per annum.

'I am delighted to announce the new initiative and additional funding for the current scheme,' she said.

'Both will go some further way towards recognising the vital role our authors play in our cultural life.'

'Many New Zealanders rely on libraries providing works by favourite, or newly discovered, New Zealand authors. 'Our literature is a great gift to our nation and one we should never take for granted.'

ACADEMICS

Lismore campus hosting rugby league exhibition

The Howell Cup and the Anthony Shield, two of the most historically significant rugby league trophies in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales, are taking pride of place at the League of Legends Exhibition at Southern Cross University's Lismore library.

The exhibition, to celebrate the centenary of rugby league in Australia and the Northern Rivers, is open until June 12.

Both trophies have been rescued from obscurity and possible destruction.

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The Howell Cup has resurfaced after years of being hidden away and forgotten in a local hotel cellar, while the Anthony Shield, donated by former Post Master General Larry Anthony in the mid-1950s, was rescued from almost certain destruction by an observant worker at the Lismore tip a few years ago.

The trophies are part of the exhibition being held jointly by local historians and Southern Cross University in conjunction with the National Museum and the Richmond River Historical Society.

One of the few official celebrations of league's centenary to be held on the North Coast, the exhibition combines significant local artefacts and memorabilia alongside the national displays.

The League of Legends display offers a window to the past, looking back on rugby league's history as it evolved both nationally and in the Richmond River region through items such as photos, trophies and team jumpers.

The national component is part of the major exhibition, League of Legends: 100 Years of Rugby League in Australia, currently touring regional Australia.

UNE unveils sculpture on lawns outside library



The Armidale-based University of New England has unveiled a sculpture entitled Woman Reading on the lawns outside the Dixson Library.

Created by sculptor Patricia Lawrence (pictured left with Professor Alan Pettigrew and Ann Pettigrew), and crafted by Matthew Crawford, Woman Reading was put in position on a granite pedestal last week.

'Sitting outside reading is a pastime I enjoy,' Lawrence said.

Over the past two decades Lawrence, working mainly in bronze, has exhibited her sculptures regularly in Sydney and Canberra.

Most of her work is in private collections, but some is in public places – including a sculpture in front of the Chancellery Building at the University of NSW and another at Westmead Children's Hospital.

Vice-chancellor Professor Alan Pettigrew and his

wife Ann had the initial idea of bringing Woman Reading to UNE.

After seeing a small version of the sculpture at the Uralla Sculpture Prize Exhibition last November, they initiated a process that resulted in the Dixson Library's general endowment fund purchase a larger version.

'When we saw it we thought it was perfect, not only for a university, but for this particular site at UNE,' Pettigrew said.

Refurbishment to begin at Deakin's Melbourne library



Construction will start on Deakin University's \$1.24 million refurbishment of its Melbourne library at Burwood on June 28 during the end of semester break.

The refurbishment incorporates collaborative and private learning spaces, a multimedia presentation area and student gathering spaces.

The introduction of new open learning spaces is Phase 1 of the redevelopment, aimed at providing a high quality learning environment.

Opportunities for student interaction outside of the classroom environment, promoting choices in study options and engagement with information in all formats – printed, digital and moving media – will be provided.

As building works progress on Level 2 (the entry level) throughout the second semester, the library will actively liaise with Facilities

Management Services Division and Information Technology Services Division to minimise any disruptions for users.

Library to give away free wrestling tickets

World Wrestling Entertainment stars and libraries may not appear to be a natural fit but the two groups have one thing in common – they are committed to helping young people get into the reading habit and improve literacy.

In the United States and the United Kingdom the WWE has a long history of involvement in promoting literacy programs.

The WWE's Smackdown ECW Live Tour will be performing at the Westpac Centre in Christchurch on June 12 for one show and the Christchurch City Libraries saw this as a good opportunity to promote libraries.

After an approach from the Christchurch City Libraries the WWE has donated 10 tickets to their upcoming show.

Residents can complete the WWE quiz on the libraries' Pulse website and go in the draw to win one of the five sets of double tickets (one adult, one child) up for grabs.

The quiz comprises multi-choice questions about the WWE stars and competition.

Children's librarian Jane Dyer, a WWE fan, said using the lure of WWE tickets was a great opportunity to connect with young wrestling fans who may not realise how much the libraries had to offer.

'The libraries, of course, have a wonderful range of books for all interests, but there is also a great selection of magazines and DVDs, and free access to the internet and video games,' she said.

'We hope young wrestling fans will come along to the draw and to check out our selection of wrestling magazines and biographies, and realise the library actually has all sorts of things to interest them.'

Bequest allows Fremantle to boost range of large print books

The Fremantle Library has boosted its range of large print books thanks to the generosity of a former library member.

Rosalie Raven passed away in 2007 and left her estate to the library to increase the large-print range.

Fremantle city librarian Julie Caddy said the generous donation had made a significant impact on the collection, allowing for a greater variety of titles.

'Large-print books are expensive, which limits us in the number we can order,' she said.

'But this bequest has given us the ability to purchase a wider range over time.'

'The money has been divided across the three major Australian suppliers of large-print books and will result in regular deliveries of new titles from each one over the next year.'

'I know the addition of these new books will be much appreciated by the many people with sight disabilities who depend on larger type to read.'

Raven was a regular library user in the year before her death and an occasional user for many years previously.

'She lived alone and had few material possessions,' Caddy said.

'Our staff were aware of her hearing disability and always accommodated that in their dealings with her.'

'It's wonderful Ms Raven obviously found joy in our library service and wanted to help others enjoy it after she had gone.'

SPECIALS

Aboriginal family's history traced in new book

An Aboriginal family, described in 1907 as 'half caste' in the terminology of the day, has left a trail of letters showing how such families were stuck between two worlds in the early 20th century.

Footprints, a book portraying the struggles of Lucy and Percy Pepper, has been published jointly by the National Archives of Australia and Public Record Office Victoria, both of which hold original records of the family's correspondence with bureaucracy over the years.

'These letters provide a different insight into Aboriginal history in Victoria,' co-author Simon Flagg from the Koorie Records Unit at the Public Record Office Victoria, said.

'A lot of people are unaware of the different policies that were in place for Aboriginal people in the 20th century.'

'Footprints tells the story of a family battling their way through government policies and the impact of being defined as "half-castes" at the time.'

'I was surprised to find as much historical information as I did.'

'This family's story demonstrates that there are unexpected rewards for researchers who broaden their scope when tracking down Aboriginal history.'

Percy Pepper had served in World War I, had received a soldier settler's block, owned a bike store and written letters to the Premier of Victoria, all of which left a paper trail in archives.

As well as brief chapter introductions, the book contains transcripts of the letters to, from and about the Pepper family.

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Among various aspects of the family's life, the letters show Lucy Pepper's long battle with tuberculosis and her request to live with other family members on a mission.

But she was denied this wish because 'half-caste' Aboriginal people were excluded from the missions.

'I decided to record Lucy and Percy's story in this format as I didn't feel that summarising their letters in a narrative could do them justice,' Flagg said.

'This allows people to make their own minds up about the history rather than me or anyone else interpreting it.

'I hope the book motivates other Aboriginal people to trace their family history by showing them the sorts of records you can find in the national and state archives.

'And I'm sure there are people who would like to know more about Aboriginal history in Victoria and what happened on Aboriginal reserves.'

Flagg said the book, with its transcripts of original letters, would be an invaluable historical resource for university and school students.

Rita Watkins, a descendent of Percy and Lucy, provided photographs and family stories for the book.

Academic wins grant for Maori legal dictionary

A senior lecturer in law at Victoria University of Wellington has won funding worth \$673,000 for a research project which aims to produce New Zealand's first Legal Maori dictionary.

Mamari Stephens has received a \$5000 New Researcher's Fund grant, \$20,000 from the University Research Fund, \$55,000 from the Contestable Fund and \$593,000 from the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology.

'We have a bilingual legal past – at least until the late 1800s – but much of it is hidden in the Alexander Turnbull Library,' Stephens said.

'Early Acts of Parliament and many other legal documents were translated into Maori – mainly because Maori became a written language very early on.'

The first stage of the research is gathering and accessing any texts in Maori from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries about any legal topic.

The task is then to analyse the frequency of terms and most frequently used words, which form the basis of a lexicon from which the dictionary is written.

The second stage involves seeing where gaps exist and what new terms might need to be made.

A steering group which includes Maori language experts, legal academics and members of the judiciary, has been formed to aid this process and develop principles for the adoption of new terms.

A third stage is the compilation of the dictionary and putting it together in a useable form.

'The aim of the project is to have work that is user friendly and helpful to those working in areas involving Maori language,' Stephens said.

'This is an ever increasing sphere – the Maori Affairs Select Committee, for example, now have their reports in Maori as well as English.

'It is my sincere wish that this project results in a key resource that not only allows us to understand our bilingual legal history, but provide a frame of reference for the future.'

TAFES/POLYS

Innisfail TAFE site to be part of new education precinct

The Queensland Government is to build a new education and training precinct at the Far North Queensland town of Innisfail, expanding and transforming the Innisfail TAFE site into a \$36.7 million 'learning community'.

Education and Training Minister Rod Welford said high school and TAFE students would share new and re-modelled buildings.

'The re-building of Innisfail (after Cyclone Larry) provides a great opportunity to bring together secondary, vocational, special and adult education in a way not previously attempted,' Welford said.

'Integrating the high school and TAFE has obvious benefits, at a time when increasing numbers of secondary students are undertaking school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.

'Although the proposal is dependent on approval for further development of the TAFE site, it is favoured by the Innisfail community and our government is strongly committed to it going ahead.'

Welford said that as well as transforming existing TAFE buildings, it was proposed to expand the campus by 1.15 hectares and add new facilities, including centres for sport and the performing arts, which would also be available for community use.

A new purpose-built Innisfail Inclusive Education Centre and opportunities for adult learning will also be part of the new precinct.

Students let loose to buy books for their library



Twelve students from Delany College in Granville in Sydney's west were recently let loose in Borders Parramatta to buy books with strong student appeal.

The students, who make up the school library's Teen Advisory Group, were set a budget of \$2000 and were given the task of selecting books to suit the broad range of readers at Delany College.

Prior to their shopping excursion the students surveyed each home room to find out what the students in each age range wanted in their library.

Biographies were high on the list for Year 9 and 10 students, while the Year 7 and 8 students wanted more fantasy.

Year 11 and 12 students wanted some HSC study guides and some crime, to give them a break from their set texts.

Tim Everhart, business and education coordinator at Borders Parramatta, said he thought it was a great idea to get the children involved in buying books for the school.

'It's really important to help kids realise that there's more than TV to entertain them,' Everhart said.

'Getting students into a book store and exposing them to a larger range of books than the traditional texts studied at school, is a great way of re-introducing them to reading for pleasure.'

The book-buying exercise marked the beginning of Delany Reads, a week-long focus on reading and books.

Delany staff will be next to purchase books for the library and the week will continue with community librarians from the local area visiting the college to share some of their knowledge.

The final activity for the week will be a workshop on Manga.

Teacher librarian Jan Radford said her aim was to keep up with the changing times and to show the students that books and reading were just as relevant today as they were in the past.

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CONFERENCES

Dreaming08: ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference

September 2-5
Alice Springs Convention Centre
<http://www.alia2008.com/>

SLAQ 2008: Take Flight

September 21-23
All Hallows School, Brisbane
http://www.slaq.org.au/Conference/s/SLAQ%202008/slaq2008_home.htm

Second Melbourne Unconference

– **Learning through play**
Thomastown Library

ACEC 2008: Australian Computers in Education Conference

September 28-October 2
National Convention Centre, Canberra
www.acec2008.info
enquiries@acec2008.info

Cultural Connections: MySpace is an ArtSpace: ARLIS/ANZ Biennial Conference

October 9-10
State Library of Queensland
conference@arlis.org.au

Poropitia Outside the Box: LIANZA Annual Conference

November 2-5
Skycity Convention Centre, Auckland
Beverly.fletcher@rodney.govt.nz
<http://www.lianza.org.nz/events/conference2008/index.html>

New Librarians Symposium

December 5-6
CQ Functions, Melbourne
<http://conferences.alia.org.au/newlibrarian2008/>

AUTHOR LIBRARY VISITS

Morris Gleitzman – *Then*

Mosman Library, Sydney
June 4, 7.00pm

Jenny Patrick – *Landings*

Takapuna Library, Auckland
June 5, 6.00pm

Shaun Tan – *Tales from Outer*

Suburbia
State Library of Victoria
June 11, 7.00pm

Shirley and Jennifer

Stackhouse – *My Gardening*

Year
Campsie Library, Sydney
June 19, 1.00pm

Peter Thompson – *Pacific Fury*

Stanton Library, North Sydney
July 1, 1.00pm

Keith Suter – *All About*

Terrorism: Everything You Were Too Afraid to Ask
Mosman Library, Sydney
July 30, 6.45pm

EXHIBITIONS

Sustainable Sydney 2030

Customs House Library, Sydney
Until May 30

Travelling For Love

Philip Bacon Heritage Gallery
State Library of Queensland
Until June 1

70th Anniversary of the Fellowship of Australian Writers WA

State Library of Western Australia
Until June 8

League of Legends

Southern Cross University Lismore Library
Until June 12

In Formal View Art Exhibition

Central Library
University of Canterbury, Christchurch
Until June 13

Illuminated Manuscripts from Cambridge, Australia and New Zealand

State Library of Victoria
Until June 15

Multicultural Art Competition - Everyone is Welcome

Customs House Library, Sydney
Until July 5

Up, Up and Away

Visitor Centre
National Library of Australia
Until July 19

Simple to Sumptuous:

Bookbindings from 1450 to the Present

National Library of New Zealand Gallery
Until July 19

A Capital Suburb: Pipitea Thorndon

National Library of New Zealand Gallery
Until July 19

Eire a Moradh: Singing the Praises of Ireland

De Beer Gallery
University of Otago Library
Until July 31

The Opening Chapter: Building the National Library

Visitor Centre
National Library of Australia
Until November 16