

**WA Public Libraries Strategy
Status Report
August 2020**

1	Governance	
1.1	Repeal the <i>Library Board (Registered Public Libraries) Regulations 1985</i>	Supported by 90.7% of consultation survey respondents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLWA has surveyed members on the on-going need for regulations. Views were diverse and there was not consensus. Outstanding Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLWA to provide a summary of findings to PLWG and meet with SLWA to discuss next steps.
1.2	Establish a Library Board sub-committee for governance and strategic oversight of the WA public libraries.	Supported by 84% of consultation survey respondents. Outstanding Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLWG to discuss ToR and consider future of group at August 2020 meeting.
1.3	Consider the adoption of the <i>ALIA Guidelines, Standards and Outcome Measures for Australian Public Libraries (2016)</i>	Supported by 96.4% of consultation survey respondents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated into Tiered Model Framework and proposed allocation model.
1.4	Develop new legislation	Supported by 97.3% of consultation survey respondents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Legislation is not on the agenda for this term of government.
2	New Model to support public library service delivery in WA	
2.1	Implement a multi-tiered support model determined by the ability to meet agreed criteria for service provision and population growth	Supported by 92.3% of consultation survey respondents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New model endorsed by PLWG, WALGA State Council and Library Board and introduced from July 2019. • Transfer of ownership of stock for Tier 1 local governments completed 30 June 2020. • Repurposing of capital funds to recurrent funding agreed from 1 January 2021. • Full implementation should be complete by 1 January 2021.
2.2	Introduce a system for the allocation of annual State Government Funding	Supported by 92.1% of consultation survey respondents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation model review completed and on track for implementation from 1 January 2021. • Grants on track for introduction from October 2020.
2.3	Develop an accountable and robust reporting framework for	Supported by 93% of consultation survey respondents.

	expenditure of allocated funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance for application and acquittal of funds completed and circulated to local governments.. • Local Agreements to be drafted following signing of Partnership Agreement in September 2020.
2.4	Investigate ways in which to foster innovation and experimentation in public libraries through the introduction of a competitive innovation grants system, using the available annual State Government funding allocation.	<p>Supported by 81.8% of consultation survey respondents.</p> <p>Grants to be introduced January 2021 (call for applications from October 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Priority Grants • Encouraging Promising Practice Grants • Technology and Digital Inclusion Grants
3	New Model to support regional and remote public library services	
3.1	Develop a new support model and an accountable reporting framework for regional and remote public libraries	<p>Supported by 95% of consultation survey respondents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New model endorsed by PLWG, WALGA State Council and Library Board and implemented from 1 July 2019. • SLWA support for local government library services in tiers 2 and 3 in place. • Travel grants in place. • Professional development grants in place. • On-going communication and networking opportunities in place. • Collection development support project completed August 2020. • On-line training and PD in place.
3.2	Realign public library regional boundaries with WA Regional Development boundaries	<p>Supported by 89% of consultation survey respondents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed by PLWG, WALGA State Council and Library Board and implemented from 1 July 2019.
3.3	Contribute to a broader strategy to strengthen partnerships and collaboration between libraries, local government and the WA CRC network, business and not-for-profit organisations in the regions.	<p>Supported by 94% of consultation survey respondents. Ongoing and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meetings established between SLWA and DPIRD. <p>Future Opportunities: Potential for more work to be done at a strategic level to integrate services.</p>
4	Single access card system	

4.1	Investigate further the proposed options for the single access card system and shared LMS to determine the best value ROI	Supported by 93% of consultation survey respondents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options paper completed.
4.2	Develop a business case for a single access card system and shared LMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case completed. <p>Future Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLWA/LG discussions on progressing funding for the case.
5	Public Value	
5.1	Consider the adoption of ALIA's Guidelines, Standards and Outcome Measures	Supported by 97% of consultation survey respondents. See implementation details in 1.3
5.2	Investigate the feasibility of a State-wide subscription to Culture Counts as a measurement and evaluation framework	Supported by 93% of consultation survey respondents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping of CC subscriptions completed for WA public libraries. Awaiting outcomes from PLA Evaluation Network collaboration with Culture Counts from PLWA rep. SLWA continues to broker communication regarding development opportunities with CC for evaluation platform.
5.3	Develop a State-wide marketing campaign promoting the diverse service offerings and value of public libraries in Western Australia	Supported by 93% of consultation survey respondents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLWA Humans of the Library project offered to all libraries. 'Welcome Home' campaign (including advocacy) offered to PLWA. <p>Outstanding Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLWA to discuss and report back to PLWG.