

## 11.3 Library Services - Quarterly Report

### REPORT BY THE MANAGER LIBRARY SERVICES

TO 16 JUNE 2021 ORDINARY MEETING  
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#### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council receive the report by the Manager Library Services on the Library Services - Quarterly Report.**

#### Executive summary

This report seeks to inform Council of the activities undertaken by the Mid-Western Regional Council Library Service, under the broad themes of Customer Visits, Library Borrowings & Purchased Items, and Sustainable Organisations. This report covers the period January – March 2021.

#### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

#### Detailed report

##### *CUSTOMER VISITS, LIBRARY BORROWINGS, & PURCHASED ITEMS*

Visits to our Library branches during the January – March 2021 period are up by 10% when compared to the previous quarter.

Quarter	Visits
January – March 2021	18,048
October – December 2020	16,400

Across the Library Service, loans of library items remain stable compared to the previous quarter

Quarter	Loans
January – March 2021	20,228
October – December 2020	19,804

Loans from the Mobile Library during January – March 2021 remain stable compared to the previous quarter.

Quarter	Loans
January – March 2021	1,287
October – December 2020	1,445

The use of library resources (library subscribed databases) remains stable when compared to the previous quarter.

Quarter	Accesses
January – March 2021	18,293
October – December 2020	17,755

The Library continues to purchase new items in line with the Collection Development Strategy. These items include audio books, magazines, fiction and non-fiction for adults and children in both print and electronic formats, and DVDs.

Quarter	Purchases
January – March 2020	1,786

### SUSTAINABLE ORGANISATION

The Library continues to encourage a life-long love of books and reading through its early literacy initiatives. During the January – March 2021 period, Library staff hosted 114 separate early learning sessions, reaching 623 children.

The Library hosts 2 adult Bookgroups, and facilitates 5 community groups; in addition to 2 Teen Bookgroups in partnership with Council's Youth Services. There is also a Teen writing group, meeting monthly at Mudgee Library.

The Library is currently piloting 2 literacy programs for school-aged children – Bigger Bookworms for Kinder-Year 2 children, and Junior Book Bouncers for Years 3-6 children.

The Library responded to an external request by running small craft groups for a disability services group – during January – March 2021, library staff facilitated 4 craft sessions, with 45 participants. Monday History Talks continue to be popular with the community, averaging 20 attendees at each monthly talk.

Chess Club began in February at Mudgee Library, meeting every second Wednesday at Mudgee, and has proven very popular with ages 6-14.

The Library also has a partnership with BeConnected, which saw 12 technology sessions held at Gulgong Library during February.

The Library Knitting Group continues to meet monthly at Mudgee Library.

### Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	A safe and healthy community
Strategy	Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community

### Strategic implications

#### Council Strategies

The Library Services – Quarterly Report has been developed in line with the 2017-18 – 2020/20 Delivery Program, and the Library's Collection Management Strategy.

**Council Policies**

Not applicable.

**Legislation**

Not applicable.

Financial implications

Not applicable.

Associated Risks

Not applicable.

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*Attachments:* Nil

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