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Central West Libraries Manager Report

Our staff were adaptable, innovative and pivoted to host online Storytimes, Music For Little Ears, author talks and create take home school holiday activity packs during the past 12 months marked by COVID-19 disruptions.

The COVID-19 pandemic affected planning, events and library opening hours. The impact was felt at Central West Libraries from 25 March 2020 to 1 June 2020 during which NSW Public Health Orders prevented libraries from opening to the public.

While branches were closed, there were opportunities to undertake activities that would otherwise have created service disruptions. The administration area in Orange was refurbished and reorganised to better suit staff operations and staff could actively engage in professional and personal development programs such as Cultural Competency Training and future planning.

Unfortunately, several key events were cancelled including the Orange Readers and Writers Festival, a regional tour by Bolinda narrator Stig Wemyss, Forbes Reading Down Town Day, Wentworth Mine Airing of the Quilts and author Dianne O'Brien's visit to Cowra.

Despite the difficulties, the Library staff made the most of opportunities to host events in the latter part of 2020 and first half of 2021. CWL filled its events calendar where possible with school holiday activities, Summer Reading Club and One Library One Book programs for children and adults. A Library Up Late event was held in March to mark International Women's Day with special guest Orange City Councillor Joanne McRae.

Other highlights included additions to the CWL online collections and launches of the Libby App and CWL App celebrated during Library and Information Week.

Literacy programs returned to library branches including Storytimes, 1,2 Books and Baby Rhyme and Read after re-opening.

CWL also hosted significant book launches with well-known authors Meg Keneally in Orange and Cowra; local cook, author and blogger Sophie Hansen for F.O.O.D Week; and high-profile social psychologist Hugh Mackay. The Library service also supported local authors with talks by David Stanley, Drew Bale and Mark Nelson -author of *Born to Fly* about the late local aviator Jim Hazelton.

The community was also well served by Be Connected sessions for seniors, Your Money and the Law information Sessions at Orange and Cowra, with support from Legal Aid, and Older, Wiser Safer sessions for Seniors Week.

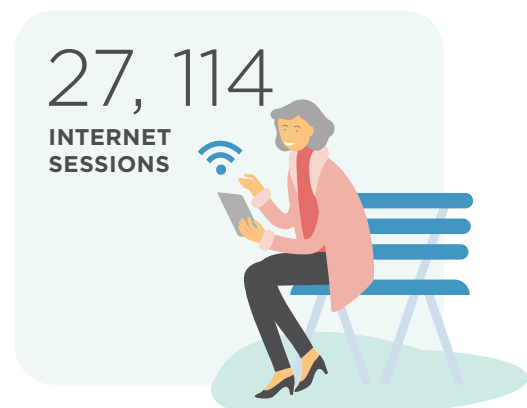
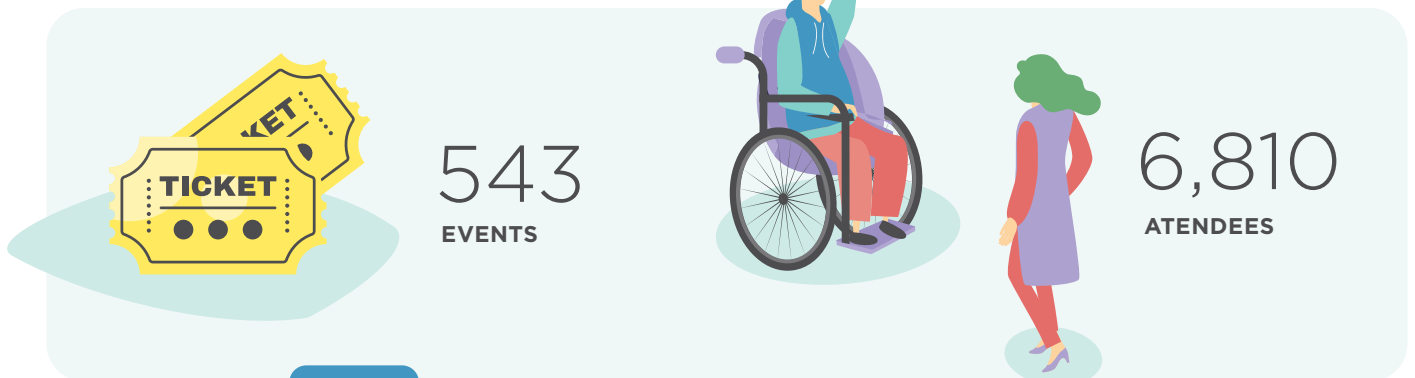
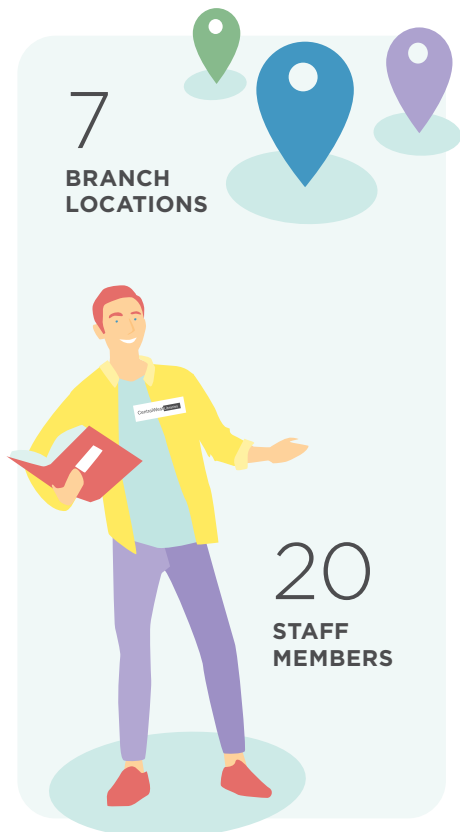
I was warmly welcomed to the Central West in April and toured the branches in Blayney, Canowindra, Cowra, Forbes, Manildra, Molong and Orange. It is a gorgeous region with wonderful communities. Every community has its own character and history and it's the library's job to enrich people's lives and help build their capacities with digital literacies. We aim to continue doing this well and increasing people's connectedness and choices.

Roslyn Cousins

Manager, Central West Libraries

Central West Libraries highlights

OVERVIEW



OUR STAFF

In 2020 we said farewell to staff who made a significant contribution to CWL Libraries. Jan Richards AM was Library Manager from 1994 to 2020 and developed CWL into a library service recognised for its excellence across NSW. Jan's involvement with the profession included serving on various committees of International Federation of Library Associations.

Cowra Branch Librarian Caroline Eisenhauer retired in June 2021. After 19 years in a career which began a casual assistant and progressed to leading the Cowra Library. Caroline's enthusiasm brought a range of programs including children's activities, library tours, family history support, literary events and technology classes to enrich the community.

Long-time Technical Services Senior Library Assistant Lyn Bugden also retired in September 2020. Lyn contributed to all aspects of the library service especially the magazine collection, support of the Library Management System and was a mentor to many colleagues.

We recruited school-based Library Trainees Andreas Klueger and Claire Quinn to the library service in January 2021.

CWL welcomed new library manager Roslyn Cousins in March 2021. Roslyn's experience included working as a public librarian in South Australia, Alice Springs, Queensland, western Victoria and more recently hails from Coffs Harbour.



During September, Technical Services Senior Library Assistant Lyn Bugden retired



Long-time Central West Libraries Manager Jan Richards AM retired in October



Cowra Branch Librarian Caroline Eisenhauer retired after a 19 year career

CWL Staff members

ADMINISTRATION

- Jan Richards, AM, Manager Central West Libraries (October 2020)
- Roslyn Cousins, Manager Central West Libraries (March 2021)
- Therese Kostitch, Administration Officer
- Jasmine Vidler, Reading & Writing Coordinator

TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Ros Dorsman, Technical Services Librarian
- Lyn Bugden, Library Technician
- Madonna French, Senior Library Assistance

BRANCH SERVICES

- Victoria Prestwidge, Branch Services Librarian
- Michael Vella, Senior Library Assistant

BLAYNEY

- Ruth Bingham, Branch Library Officer

CANOWINDRA

- Rossanne Holmes, Branch Library Officer

COWRA

- Caroline Eisenhauer, Branch Librarian

FORBES

- Bronwyn Clark Branch Librarian

MANILDRA

- Jeanette Davis, Branch Library Officer

MOLONG

- Margaret Lamerton, Branch Library Officer

ORANGE

- Sean Brady, Orange City Librarian
- Julie-Anne Sykes, Local Studies Librarian
- Alexandra Gibb, Librarian
- Tam Wilson, Library Technician
- Rossanne Holmes, Senior Library Assistant
- Michelle White, Library Assistant
- Fiona Hawke, Library Assistant

HERITAGE UNIT

- Alison Russell, Manager Community Museums and Heritage
- Trudi Mayfield, Heritage Research Librarian
- Donna Sale, Heritage Administration Assistant

CASUAL AND RELIEF STAFF

Lynne Arnott, Stassi Austin, Sharon Barber, Kellie Barnes, Nicole Blinco, Linda Braithwaite, Robert Cleary, Helen Day, Sharon Denyer, Peter Douglass, Roslyn Dukes, Julie Elliott, Monica Engel, Emma Flemming, Kathy Garland, Frances Guinness, Lyn Gough, Margaret Henry, Hanne Hoeless, Robyn Isbester, Candice Iyer, Jennifer Jones, Cecilia Lawler, Sumara Meers, Roxanne McCormack, Elizabeth Russ, Rebekah Salmon, Maryanne Smith, and Jan Tonuri.

OUR SPACES

Safe, Accessible and Welcoming

Our libraries continued to be safe and welcoming spaces as COVID-19 regulations changed throughout the year. We were able to meet COVID requirements by directing library members to use self-service checkouts and respond to social distancing and hygiene requirements.

Cowra Library trialled new opening hours for 3 months from August following Cowra community consultations by Cowra Council. Supporting evidence from Cowra monitored traffic counts and library member feedback.

The new hours brought the opening time forward to 9.30am, rationalised the weekday closing to 5pm and Saturday operations to 9.30am to 12 noon.

Forbes Library received a mini-makeover with new shelving and more face-out shelving to create eye-catching book displays.

John Holland undertook repair and repainting of the exterior of the current Molong Library and Railway Station during a six week period in February.

Work began on an extension to Blayney Library to add more storage, a kitchenette, and interior toilets including an accessible toilet. The extension will also improve light and add more space to the building.



The John Holland team repaint Molong Library exterior

Virtual Branch

LIBBY APP LAUNCH

The Overdrive Libby platform was launched in March adding an extensive collection of more than 2,000 downloadable books and talking books and 3,700 magazine titles. CWL is a participant in two Central West Zone Consortia to provide a much wider range of online materials 24/7.

CWL APP LAUNCH

The Central West Libraries App was launched by Mayor of Orange Cr Reg Kidd during Library and Information Week in May. The Library App is a new gateway to explore library resources, events and membership details on library members' own devices.

At the touch of your finger:

- access the latest best-selling e-magazines as soon as they hit the shelves
- listen to e-audiobooks in your car
- learn where to access 10 copies of the same e-book for all members of your book club
- keep track of your library account, your children's accounts, and reserve and renew items, all from the one app.



Orange Mayor Cr Reg Kidd downloads the Library App with assistance from Orange City Librarian Sean Brady.

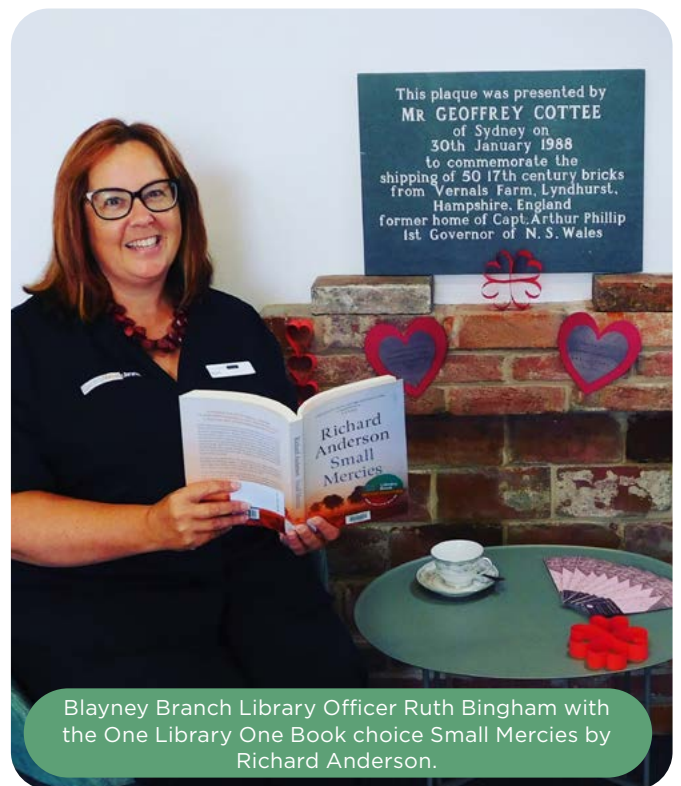
OUR COLLECTIONS

Relevant and responsive

In times of lockdowns, accessing the libraries' online collections became more important to many of our library members. The Libraries added to the available resources and use of these collections increased by 78%.

Customers continue to assist us in developing our collections by making suggestions for additions. Following expressions of frustration by some readers about gaps in series, staff have undertaken a review to fill gaps where titles are still in print.

CWL continue to be a net lender to other public libraries and our strong Australian fiction collection is even called upon by university students trying to find Australian rarities.




Blayney Branch Library Officer Ruth Bingham with the One Library One Book choice *Small Mercies* by Richard Anderson.

Central West Libraries highlights


E-RESOURCES

ALL
E-RESOURCES



UP
78%


E-AUDIO
BOOKS



UP
55%

E-BOOKS

UP
27%



E-MAGAZINES

6,320
DOWNLOADS



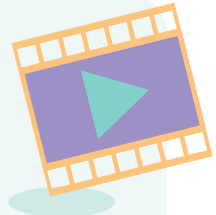
E-NEWSPAPERS

2,062
DOWNLOADS



VIDEO
STREAMING

2,708
DOWNLOADS



OUR HERITAGE

Newspaper Digitisation

A partnership between Forbes Shire Council, Cowra Shire Council, the State Library of NSW, the National Library of Australia, and CWL resulted in the digitisation of several local historic newspapers. These are now available through TROVE which is accessible to anyone with Internet access, anywhere in the world.

- Cowra Guardian and Lachlan Agricultural Recorder between 1896 and 1907
- 1911 to 1937 for articles in the Cowra Free Press.
- Forbes Advocate 1911 - 1954
- Forbes Times 1899 - 1902 & 1912 -1920

In conjunction with the Community Museum and Heritage staff and the Orange & District Historical Society, CWL is working to digitise the collection of the Central Western Daily photographs. These are being loaded onto the Recollect platform and the first batch of more than 3,000 will be publicly accessible in 2022.

Amplify Project

CWL were delighted to be part of the State Library of NSW's Amplify project, first conceived in 2018, which provides a platform for oral histories and gives a computer generated text of the interview. These can then be corrected by volunteers, which is necessary due to the computer struggling with accents and local vocabularies. A total of 46 interviews were conducted in the mid-1990s with former employees and managers of Orange's EMMCO/Email/Electrolux factory. More than a third of these transcriptions have now been corrected and checked. All are available at www.amplify.gov.au.

The libraries continued to work in close cooperation with local family history and local studies groups. The libraries share facilities with these groups in Blayney, Cowra and Orange.

Oral History Project The Springs Award

The call went out for members of the community to share untold stories of previous generations and events in Orange's history. The project saw several trained volunteers meet with community members willing to share their stories to be recorded at the Orange City Library. Topics initially sought were Banjo Paterson Park The Springs; a 1920s - 1930s Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Fringe Camp, the establishment of Food Of Orange District (F.O.O.D) Week, Wentworth Main Mine at Lucknow or mining at Lucknow.

Due recognition was given to The Springs; and Aboriginal Journey project when it won the National Trust (NSW) Heritage Award for Aboriginal Heritage in November.

The Springs' occupied crown land to the south of Orange and was located on a Travelling Stock Route. It was a mixed Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal fringe camp. As the name implies, The Springs is in the vicinity of a freshwater spring and is likely to have also been occupied by Wiradjuri people prior to European settlement. During the 1930s and 1940s, The Springs was occupied by individuals and families unable to access government assistance while suffering the effects of the Great Depression and was a location where people subject to the Aborigines Protection Act 1909-1969 could congregate.



Orange History volunteers Jeanette Willis and Ann Dib complete their training.

OUR PROGRAMS

Programs that highlight the joys and rewards of reading are central to our purpose. We start young with programs for babies and pre-schoolers. Both Cowra and Canowindra Libraries introduced new sessions for pre-schoolers prior to COVID-19 lockdowns. Using the well-researched foundations of early literacy, our sessions engage parents and carers with developing the skills needed to start school successfully.

Author visits

Authors talking about their works and processes is a highlight for many of our library members. Unfortunately, the pandemic led to the cancellation of our annual Readers and Writers Festival, but individual author visits were held. These ranged from authors with national profiles such as Lian Tanner (February), Meg Keneally (March) and Hugh Mackay (June), to local authors like David Stanley (May) writing about zombies, Drew Bale (May) on childhood adventures, Kelly Rimmer's (May) moving war story and Mark Nelson on aviator Jim Hazelton (June).

Online Author Talks and Visits

A series of online author talks in collaboration with NSW Public Libraries was held during the COVID-19 restrictions. This included free Zoom webinars with James Bradley, Monica McInerney and Heather Morris.

During October's Mental Health Month CWL hosted author Kim Hodges online talking about her lived experience with mental illness.

Central West Libraries highlights

AUTHOR VISITS



Hugh Mackay



Sophie Hansen



David Stanley



Julie Ankers



Richard Anderson and Ruth Bingham at Blayney



Drew Bale



Jackie Rawlings and Mark Nelson



Lian Tanner at Orange City Library



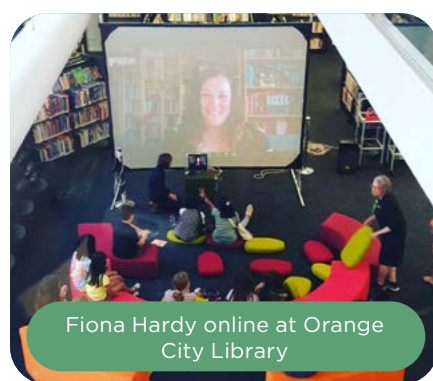
Lian Tanner and Bronwyn Clark at Forbes Library



Richard Anderson at Cowra Library



Kelly Rimmer



Fiona Hardy online at Orange City Library

Community Events

FAMILY LITERACY

Code Club at Orange City Library was well received with two sessions run during the year. They each focussed on 3D design. Lego Club was also a successful program which ran when permitted.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

In July The Rock, Paper, City Craft and Activity Packs had children designing their own buildings and vehicles to make cardboard versions of cities to put on display in the Library. These packs were extremely popular with more than 140 distributed to budding building town planners, architects and builders. Winner in the over 13 category was Tom Burton, of Forbes, with a magnificent lego recreation of a local bridge. Other entries included Orange Regional Museum and Spilt Milk gelato shop lego builds.

April School Holiday activities at Orange City Library included a Science in the Kitchen session making slime and Gardening where children planted winter vegetables in the Library Community Garden.

For the Summer school holidays CWL hosted Summer Reading Club, One Library One Book - Kids with Toonworld workshops around the branches, Lego Club, Science in the Kitchen with popcorn and chocolate experiments, Toonworld at Orange, Christmas Craft making decorations and Library Chill.

The Summer Activity Pad was another popular item distributed widely during the holidays with a multitude of things to do. Children enjoyed puzzles, origami, paper craft, dog bingo, an insect tally and more with 130 Activity Pads distributed.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

For Book Week branches displayed the fabulous books shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia 2020 awards. The Take Home Activity Packs contained craft and colouring-in designed by CBCA 2020 Book Week Illustrator Gwyn Perkins and a Lego Club and craft book cover challenge. More than 160 packs were distributed with the Book Week theme Curious Creatures.

OPERATION ART AT COWRA LIBRARY

Cowra Mayor Bill West launched Operation Art, an initiative of the Children's Hospital at Westmead in Association with the Department of Education and supported by the Sydney Olympic Park Authority, in June at Cowra Library. Special guest at the launch was student Monty Ryan from Quandialla whose artwork was presented to Cowra Health Service.

HARMONY DAY STORYTIME

The Harmony Day message "Everyone Belongs", reinforces the importance of inclusiveness and this was celebrated a three special Storytimes at Orange City Library. Guest readers joined in reading *Where Happiness Hides* by Anthony Bertini and local illustrator Jennifer Goldsmith in English as well as Telugu, Japanese and Spanish.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME READ FROM SPACE

National Simultaneous Storytime was celebrated in May at our branches. Budding space explorers loved listening to astronaut Dr Shannon Walker read Philip Bunting's *Give Me Some Space* from the International Space Station and dressing up as all things space related - from astronauts to planets and aliens.

ONE LIBRARY, ONE BOOK

Running for the second year, our One Library One Book community program encouraged people to read Richard Anderson's *Small Mercies*, or for younger folk, Fiona Hardy's *How to make a movie in 12 Days*.

During April Richard Anderson gave talks at Blayney, Molong, Cowra and Orange. Movie-making workshops for children were held in Blayney, Canowindra, Cowra, Molong, Forbes and Orange to make movies inspired by Fiona Hardy's book. A total of 100 books were distributed for the children's campaign which culminated in a Trivia Party hosted by the author via Zoom presented on a giant screen in Orange City Library.

LIBRARY LOVERS DAY

For Library Lovers Day celebrated on 14 February, we encouraged Library members and the community to make a date with their library. At Orange guests could book in for a picnic and fun lego building sessions.

At Molong Library, Library Lovers enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea on Friday as part of Library Lovers Day celebrations - a day for people to observe the love of libraries in our community.

PAGETURNERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Pageturners book discussion group continued to meet when COVID-19 restrictions allowed during the year at Orange. The sessions were well attended and thought-provoking with works such as *The Lying Life of Adults* by Elena Ferrante, *All Our Shimmering Skies* by Trent Dalton, *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams, *The Living Sea of Waking Dreams* by Richard Flanagan, *A Room Full of Leaves* by Kate Grenville and classic book *Go Tell it on the Mountain* by James Baldwin. When meetings resumed, a daytime meeting was introduced to cater for more library members.



Librarians Rebekah Salmon and Alex Gibb with the School Holiday Activity Pack

Banjo Paterson Writing Awards

Entries in this year's competition were received from right across Australia. Writing topics ranged from nature to relationships, mental illness, billy carts, cars, drought, pioneers, goldmining, rural characters, and reflections on life.

Second prize winner in the children's section was Sebastian Merrell, of Orange, who won for his work titled Decimation about a complex character surviving a tragedy of nature.

BANJO PATERSON WRITING AWARDS WINNERS 2020

Short Story

- Literally the worst by Jaclyn Riley-Smith of Margate, Tasmania - formerly of Orange.

Open Poetry

- Aurora Australis by Joanne Mills, Darlington, WA.

ABC Central West Radio Children's Awards

- 1st The Crow by Maxyn Dorz, Korora, NSW.
- 2nd Decimation by Sebastian Merrell, Orange, NSW
- 3rd Alone Together by Jessica Grabham, Marrickville, NSW



Banjo Writing Awards winner Sebastian Merrell with Orange Mayor Reg Kidd

Skills for the community

BE CONNECTED

Helping people use information technology remains an important part of the libraries' mission, but sessions were hampered by lockdowns. The libraries continue to provide both access to the internet and one to one support for people stepping out of their comfort zones.

The Be Connected program teaching technology to older members of the community re-commenced in February at Orange and saw more than 140 seniors develop their mobile phone, internet and online safety skills. The one-on-one sessions were held by Library staff at 30 minute intervals.

LAW WEEK

Guest speakers Legal Aid lawyer Jill Marshall and Community Justice Centre mediator Jane Atkinson presented the Law Week: Your Money and the Law Workshop at Orange City Library and Cowra in May. It covered what to do if you are being chased for money, owed money or are borrowing money.

CWL branches have Legal Answers Toolkit resources to use and Legal Aid brochures can also help with advice about employment, debts, mortgage foreclosure, consumer issues and discrimination.

SENIORS WEEK

Author of *Bold, Brave & (bloody) Brilliant*, Julie Ankers, spoke at Orange City Library in April about life in the 50 years plus age group and inspired guests to "make the most of everyday".

Julie also hosted a Your Life by Design Workshop for participants to evaluate their life pre-COVID and help identify, evaluate and introduce strategies to life improvement.

ID POPULATIONS STATISTICS INFO SEMINAR

An ID Populations seminar was held in April for librarians and community members to highlight the range of statistics available through this online service especially for businesses and community groups requiring demographics, housing analysis, community profiles.



Your Money and the Law presenters Jill Marshall and Jane Atkinson with Senior Library Assistant Michael Vella

Our Collaborative Opportunities

NEW MICROFICHE AT BLAYNEY LIBRARY

Blayney Shire Local and Family History Group members were impressed by new and improved microfiche reader at Blayney Library. The unit is easy to use and allows the community to print out articles and save information to a USB. It is handy for family history researchers and anyone keen to search historical newspaper articles.

VOLUNTEER KNITTERS ORANGE PURLERS

For most of the year the Orange Purlers were unable to meet at Orange City Library. During this time The Purlers continued to knit and crochet from home, supporting Wrap With Love and other charitable organisations. The Purlers returned to the library in February with restricted numbers.

Wraps and squares were received this year from Canowindra, Cowra, Condobolin, Eugowra, Grenfell, Blayney and Dubbo.

A total of 452 wraps were completed: 394 were delivered to the Wrap With Love warehouse in Sydney for worldwide distribution, 11 were supplied to Housing Plus, 31 to The Orchard and 16 were distributed to local individuals in need.

SENIORS WEEK - OLDER WISER SAFER

Experts Jane Atkinson - Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner from Relationships Australia, CSU Adjunct Professor Sue Field, Legal Aid NSW solicitor Jill Marshall, and Financial Information Service Officer Services Australia Christine Wright, lent their time to host Older, Wiser, Safer talks during Seniors Week in April. They answered questions about wills, power of attorney, scams and finance.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY UP LATE

On International Women's Day, Monday 8 March a Library Up Late event was held at Orange City Library. The topic of the night was 'women in politics' with special guest, Orange City Councillor Joanne McRae. Two short films, courtesy of Kanopy of were also screened - *Sister, If You Only Knew* and *These Vital Years: A Conversation with Betty Friedan at 76*.

F.O.O.D. WEEK SOPHIE HANSEN BOOK LAUNCH

Local author, blogger and foodie Sophie Hansen launched her latest book *In Good Company* with a large crowd of supporters at Orange City Library during April's F.O.O.D. Week. Guests were treated to food from the book including olive and hazelnut tapenade, dukkah, and baked feta and olives, and a homemade quince cordial. As Sophie says, *In Good Company* is filled with all the recipes because there's never been a better time to bring people together.



Gwenda Stanbridge from Blayney Shire Local and Family History Group uses the new microfiche at Blayney Library



Author Sophie Hansen signs books during F.O.O.D Week.



Seniors Week Older Wiser Safer expert panel Jane Atkinson, Adjunct professor Sue Field, Legal Aid solicitor Jill Marshall and Christine Wright from Services Australia.



Volunteer knitters - Orange Purlers meet weekly at Orange City Library



Guest Cr Joanne McRae speaks at International Womens Day Libray Uplate

Media and promotion

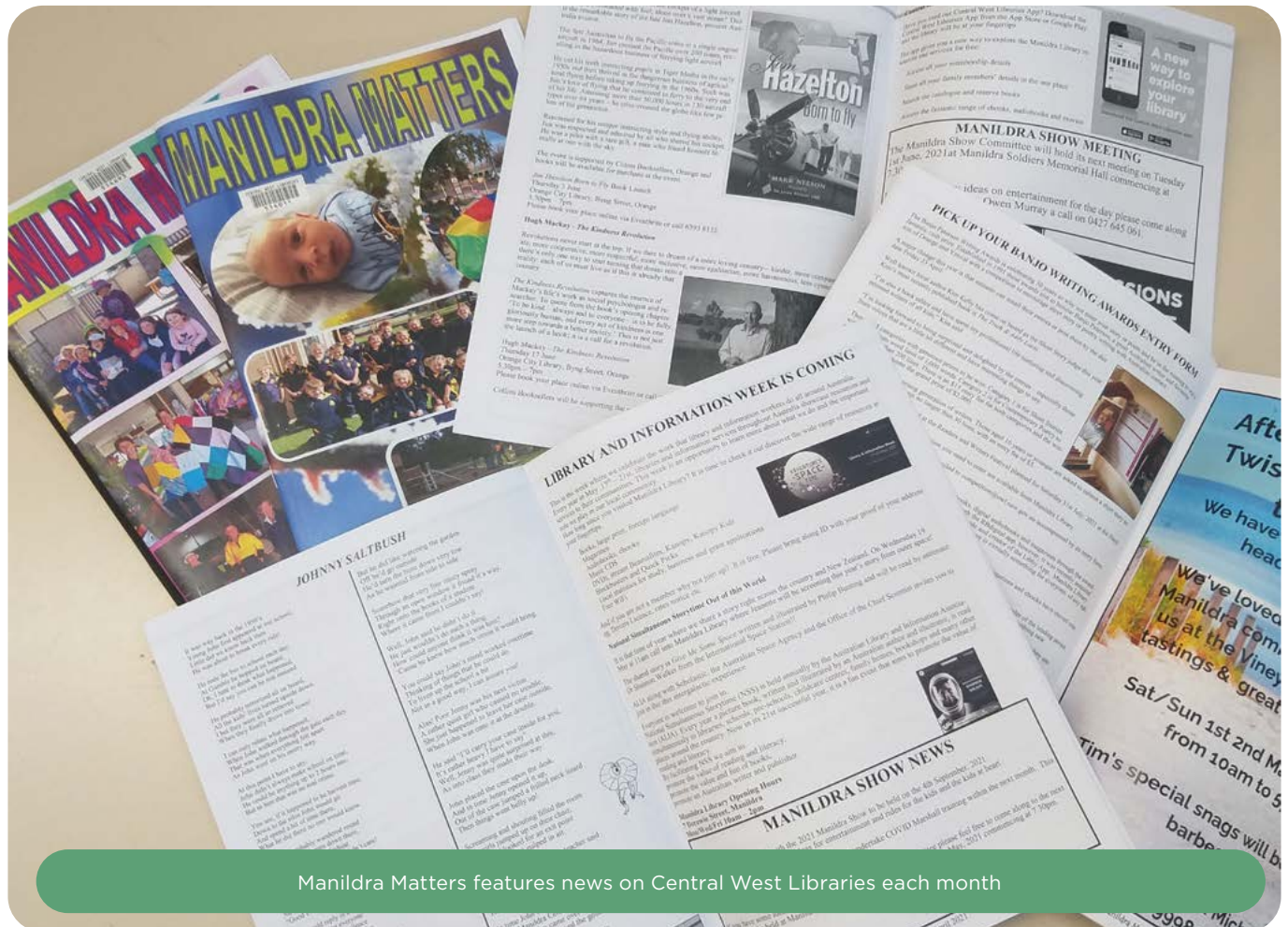
Library events and news were regularly reported by local media during the year.

In March, a monthly Library News page began to feature in the Manildra Matters publication distributed to local residents. This information has been well received by community members and is a welcome addition to the publication.

Social media engagement continues to grow with the Central West Libraries Instagram reaching 1,000 followers and the Central West Libraries Facebook page has 1,100 subscribers.

To inspire and entertain library members who were hesitant to visit our branches during COVID-19 disruptions, regular posts such as Wednesday Word, Throwback Thursday Jigsaw and Friday Question received many hits and community engagement.

Some of the most engaging posts have been about NSW Public Health Stay-at-Home Orders updates, knitting and school holiday activities.



Manildra Matters features news on Central West Libraries each month

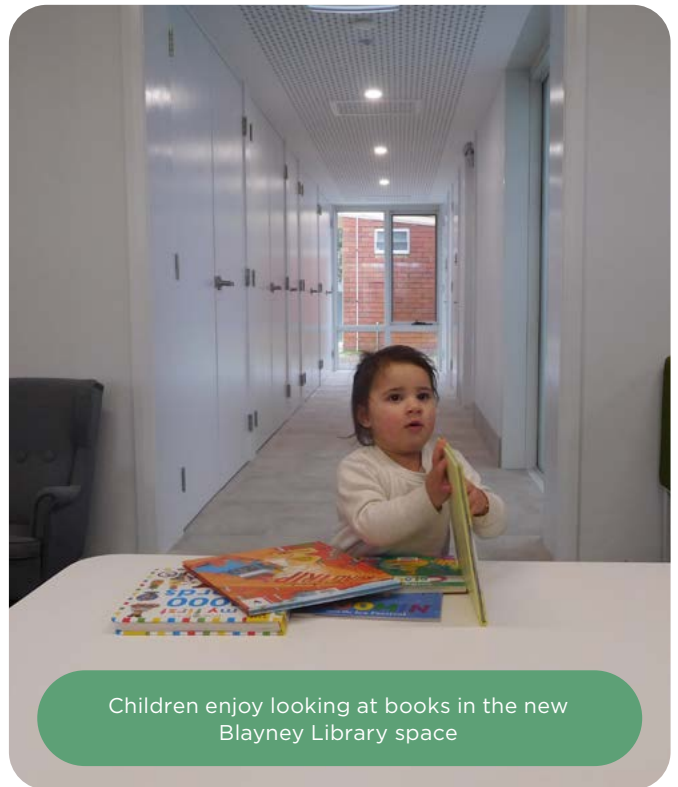
OUR FUTURE

CWL has much to look forward to with COVID-19 regulations easing and library member attendance and borrowing habits beginning to resume.

Plans for the Molong Library in the new Cabonne Community Centre continue and the build began in June 2021. It is jointly funded, with the NSW Government and State Library NSW contributing towards the project. The building will include meeting rooms, gallery space, community hall and Molong Library.

During the year Stage 1 building works began at Blayney Library. Blayney Council has issued Development Consent for Stage 2 of the Blayney Library upgrades for the alterations and additions to the existing library building.

Importantly the new floor area will meet the NSW State Library People Places guidelines for planning a new library. It includes library collection space, storerooms, workroom, meeting room, archives, kitchen, storeroom and amenities, glazed airlock to the building entrance, covered awning, pavement and garden landscaping.



Children enjoy looking at books in the new Blayney Library space



OUR NUMBERS

Statistical Profile 2020 - 2021

CENTRAL WEST LIBRARIES	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
Population - ABS statistics - note 1	86,113	86,212
Membership	38,086	39,764
Library Visits	168,568	148,978
Activities, events & programs - number	543	493
Activities, events & programs - attendance	19,807	6,810
Circulation (Loans including renewals)	230,591	261,437
Renewals via Web OPAC	8,644	49,523
Reservations Placed (All)	18,169	19,634
Reservations placed via Web OPAC	7,868	9,364
Collection (oldings)	149,374	159,146
Materials Purchased (titles)	6,328	7,550
Average Price	\$45.08	\$39.28
Public Internet use (including WiFi sessions)	30,106	27,114
Number of hits on the CWL home page	4,812,003	4,532,932
Number of visits to the CWL home page	238,473	208,136
Number of pages viewed on the CWL home page	1,397,074	788,313

NOTE 1: Population figures come from the official Australian Bureau of Statistics Estimated Resident Population (ERP) for 2019 and 2020 and may vary as updated statistics are released.

NOTE 2: All statistics were impacted by the closures required under the COVID-19 regulations from March 26 to May 31 2020 and the restrictions on activities imposed during 2020-2021.

NOTE 3: Renewals via Web OPAC figures for 2020-2021 include the number of automatic renewals function which became available in this year.

Digital collections reported for 2020-2021.

These statistics have been excluded from the Central West Libraries summary table above and have not been reported separately in previous years. Information for individual branches is not available as it is not stored in the authentication credentials required by various vendors.

CWL ONLINE	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
eAudiobook consortia holdings	n.a.	6,184
eAudiobook Circulation CWL members	n.a.	11,310
eBook consortia holdings	n.a.	5,269
eBook Circulation CWL members	n.a.	25,092
Newspaper Index entries	167,546	169,133

Branches

BLAYNEY LIBRARY	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
Population	7,379	7,382
Membership	1,764	1,844
Library Visits	9,943	9,971
Circulation (Loans including renewals)	7,233	8,266
Collection (Holdings)	8,160	9,127
Reservations Placed (All)	257	472
CABONNE LIBRARIES (TOTAL)	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
Population	13,634	13,677
Membership	2,003	2,055
Library Visits	11,231	10,437
Circulation (Loans including renewals)	15,050	13,183
Collection (Holdings)	14,756	16,498
Reservations Placed (All)	2,084	1,799
CANOWINDRA LIBRARY	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
Membership	870	894
Library Visits	4,483	4,289
Circulation (Loans including renewals)	4,625	4,017
Collection (Holdings)	5,959	6,479
Reservations Placed (All)	768	727
MANILDRA LIBRARY	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
Membership	162	167
Library Visits	1,106	1,065
Circulation (Loans including renewals)	1,420	1,201
Collection (Holdings)	2,636	3,213
Reservations Placed (All)	67	47
MOLONG LIBRARY	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
Membership	971	994
Library Visits	5,642	5,083
Circulation (Loans including renewals)	9,005	7,965
Collection (Holdings)	6,161	6,806
Reservations Placed (All)	1,249	1,025

COWRA LIBRARY	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
Population	12,743	12,730
Membership	5,171	5,440
Library Visits	28,179	19,696
Circulation (Loans including renewals)	26,880	24,793
Collection (Holdings)	17,825	18,635
Reservations Placed (All)	2,205	2,229
FORBES LIBRARY	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
Population	9,906	9,920
Membership	3,108	3,107
Library Visits	18,897	19,014
Circulation (Loans including renewals)	28,016	28,195
Collection (Holdings)	16,319	18,134
Reservations Placed (All)	1,789	1,434
ORANGE LIBRARY	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021
Population	42,451	42,503
Membership	25,760	27,3219
Library Visits	100,318	89,860
Circulation (Loans including renewals)	141,281	137,477
Collection (Holdings)	81,226	97,752
Reservations Placed (All)	3,231	4,336



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