



# Jane Cowell, Director of Engagement and Partnerships, State Library of Queensland

## Biography

Jane Cowell has been with State Library of Queensland since 2010 and is the Director of Engagement and Partnerships a role which she took up in January this year. Prior to 2015 Jane was the Director of Regional Access & Public libraries.

Key projects during this appointment are *Vision 2017 The Learning Strategy for public library workforce*, *Next Horizon Vision 2017 for Queensland Public Libraries*, State Library's Literacy Framework *Libraries for Literacy every day, every way*, and *The Library Dividend: the socioeconomic value of Queensland Public Libraries*. Prior to this role Jane was a Senior Consultant with the AEC Group, working with local governments and State Libraries across Australia on strategic planning, library service models and community consultation in the areas of library and community services. Jane has over 25 years public library management experience, including serving as President of Queensland Public Library Association.

Jane is passionate about public libraries as creative community spaces and their role in connecting communities with technology trends and sees many opportunities for libraries presented by the rapidly changing digital, social and economic environment.

