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#### **Queenslanders Tap into Technology to Share their Stories**

Queenslanders will use digital technology to record and share their unique stories in a statewide project launched as part of Queensland Day celebrations in Brisbane today.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan, representing Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts Anna Bligh, joined Queensland's State Librarian Lea Giles-Peters in Brisbane's Queen Street Mall to launch a statewide website project called *Queensland Stories*.

Ms Nolan said the website was part of a broader community engagement project by the State Library of Queensland.

"The project involves Queensland's network of public libraries, community groups and members of the public taking part in a series of digital storytelling workshops to produce their own stories using technology such as cameras, computers and scanners," she said.

"This is a great way to document and share what is truly unique about Queensland.

"As word spreads, and more and more people from every corner of the state take up the opportunity to work with the State Library staff in creating their own personal story, the website will slowly build to become an invaluable digital storehouse of our Queensland identity."

Ms Nolan said the ongoing *Queensland Stories* project and the end-result website encapsulated the strength of community engagement through the invaluable network of public libraries throughout Queensland.

"Over 33 public libraries and communities around Queensland are already developing and scripting the many unique and fascinating stories of their communities and people as part of the project," she said.

"*Queensland Stories* celebrates our individual and collective cultural heritage and identity through the sharing of life stories and experiences.

"It's a great example of the cutting-edge projects and innovative programs being funded by the Queensland Government as part of its Smart State initiative to enhance our quality of life."

*Queensland Stories* was scoped and researched by the State Library of Queensland in partnership with Queensland University of Technology's Creative Industries Faculty.

Visit the *Queensland Stories* website [www.qldstories.slq.qld.gov.au](http://www.qldstories.slq.qld.gov.au)