



Clarence Regional Library

Strategic Plan Priority List

2026/27

STRATEGIC FOCUS ONE

STRETCH: extend what we already have

Strategy	Key Actions
1.1.5 continue to refurbish library spaces in line with available budgets and grant funding opportunities	- Ensure capitol and operational budget for public libraries reflect the furniture replacement and refurbishment schedules to ensure vibrant functional & inviting library spaces. - Source grant funding where applicable to enhance the furniture replacement & refurbishment schedules.
1.2.4 investigate free working and coworking spaces and business hubs in the two central libraries: Grafton and Bellingen.	CVC investigate opportunities in Grafton library.
1.3.2 Continue to modernise technology platforms and access to digital devices / resources	- Review eLibrary resources annually for relevance. - Report on usage annually. - Assess new eResources to the market
1.3.4 seek community input and local needs in relation to non-fiction specialist collections: art, design, architecture, sustainable agriculture	- review feasibility on identifying potential specialist collections. - develop a plan to proceed. - survey and discuss with focus groups
1.3.5 Conduct collection needs assessment	- Complete a collection needs survey and promote to community. - Prepare an analysis of the survey data and make recommendations for future collection growth areas

STRATEGIC FOCUS TWO

REIMAGINE: what can we do differently or better?

Strategy	Key Actions
2.1.3 reimagine library opening hours; in particular, eliminate lunchtime closures and enable after hours access where possible	CVC to review and implement.
2.1.4 introduce extended nighttime opening hours and associated events	Develop resourcing plans to enable implementation in Grafton Library as a pilot project for CVC libraries.
2.1.8 investigate the feasibility of a Library of Useful Things to assist cost of living pressures: guided by community needs and available spaces.	- Conduct a review of other library services who provide these collections. - Liaise with CVC & BSC regards storage and display options - Develop processing procedures. - Implement new collection borrowing procedures
2.2.7 investigate video and/or live streaming possibilities for programs currently delivered in-house only	- investigate video and/or live streaming possibilities for programs currently delivered in-house only. - Investigate live streaming the Sydney Writers Festival at Grafton and Yamba libraries.
2.3.1 find new pathways to publicise and display the Nola Mackey Collection	- Develop curated exhibitions of content. - Develop social media campaigns on different aspects of the collection
2.3.4 develop a digitisation plan and seek grant funding	CVC develop a digitisation plan and seek grant funding.
2.3.6 expand and promote Local Voices history collections: oral, video, and photographic	Expand and promote Local Voices history collections: oral, video, and photographic

STRATEGIC FOCUS THREE

STANDOUT: seen by all, used by all?

Strategy	Key Actions
3.2.1 promote and facilitate collaborative workspaces for people in work, working remotely, looking for work, or creating new work: access to online meeting platforms; relevant equipment and high speed WIFI	CVC to investigate feasibility in Grafton library and new Maclean library facility
3.3.1 Review the library service model to ensure congruence with emerging needs and community expectations	- Review service model. - Implement service model changes.
3.3.4 ensure the library staffing cohort reflects demand, locations and additional services	Review staffing levels, qualifications and job sizing.