

Media release

Mayor: Richie Williamson General Manager: Scott Greensill

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 4, 2015

LOCKED BAG 23 GRAFTON NSW 2460

Telephone: (02) 6643 0200 Fax: (02) 6642 7647

Libraries at the heart of strong communities

LIBRARIES are key partners in tackling the problems of social isolation, inequality, disadvantage, fractured communities and ill health, according to Clarence Valley Mayor, Richie Williamson.

Cr Williamson said libraries could connect communities and change lives.

"They provide safe spaces in the heart of their communities, and provide many services targeting people who are living on a low income, people who are lonely, unemployed, or elderly, and people with long-term medical conditions or disabilities," he said.

"Your library provides a single point of access to a wide range of public services ranging from state, federal and local government, not for profit organisations, community groups and associations information.

"Libraries provide information about health and health services, while they can also be safe spaces for voluntary sector organisations to provide health information and advice.

"Libraries support strong connected communities, providing access to information about local and national issues and providing space for public meetings."

Release ends.

For media inquiries contact Clarence Valley Council communications coordinator, David Bancroft, on 6643 0230 or 0429 104 118.

