




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Mackay, Dudley Denny City Library

 **Mrs GILBERT** (Mackay—ALP) (7.00 pm): Earlier this month Mackay proudly officially opened their state-of-the-art library. The Dudley Denny City Library came to fruition with the generous gifting of The Dome building in Victoria Street to the people of Mackay through the Mackay Regional Council. The Dome is a prime piece of real estate in one of Mackay's main streets. The gift from David Denny to Mackay is truly generous. It is only fitting that the new library has been named in honour of his father, Dudley.

This generous gift has resulted in the people of Mackay having access to a modern, centrally located, high-tech library. The facilities include big screens with interactive floor projectors, laptop vending machines, collaborative media screens that talk to mobile devices, a 3D printer and the latest gaming equipment. If people want to go to the library and do what we have traditionally used libraries for—just to read a book—there are plenty of spaces with tranquil greenery and an outdoor covered deck surrounded by lush tropical plants.

Our heritage has not been forgotten. A purpose-built, climate-controlled room houses Mackay's precious history collections. It is important to get young children engaged in using their local library. Pepper, the humanoid robot, is one of the robotic teaching aids for young children and young adults. It engages in conversations with young people as they enter the library.

The construction of the \$5.6 million Dudley Denny City Library was a joint venture between the state government and the Mackay Regional Council. The planning for the library was done with the vision to give the Mackay city heart more vibe. Fergus Builders delivered the project because they used local contractors and trained local apprentices. The library has given our local tradies and apprentices much needed work. The state government contributed \$461,400 to the project to deliver jobs and infrastructure.

The completion of the library coincides with other state government projects that have been completed just recently, for instance, the Mackay Special School—\$4.7 million more jobs and infrastructure for Mackay. We are looking forward to starting the construction of the Vines Creek bridges, an \$8 million project, and also the building of the equestrian centre, refurbishing of the Mackay showgrounds and rebuilding the catering facilities—

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