



Ipswich library Pod wins 2021 National Federation Award

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A first of its kind Ipswich Council Library self-service pod located outside Coles in the Karalee Shopping Village has been presented the 2021 National Federation Innovative Management Initiative Award.

Hosted by Local Government Professionals Australia, The National Federation Awards showcase innovative solutions, and the delivery of quality services and better outcomes among Australia's 537 local Councils.

The celebration of excellence was presented during a livestreamed event on the Local Government Professionals Australia YouTube channel on 30 November.

Local Government Professionals Australia Chief Executive Officer Catherine Carter congratulated Ipswich City Council for delivering high quality Library services for the Ipswich community.

"The innovative self-service library pod allows Ipswich Libraries members to use a mobile phone or library card to browse, borrow and return books," said Ms Carter

"The pod is the first of its kind and it has been a tremendous success in terms of uptake and community reception for the City of Ipswich.

"Located at Karalee Shopping Village, the library pod aims to break down accessibility barriers to bring Ipswich Libraries' curated collections to more of the community by placing them in a popular community hub.

"With its focus on innovation, enhanced service delivery and meaningful community outreach, the pod project represents a 21st century approach to community services", said Ms. Carter.

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Bulloo Shire Council – Highly Commended

Innovative Management Initiative

Ipswich City Council – Winner

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City of Unley, City of Burnside, City of Prospect, and Town of Walkerville for Cohousing For Ageing Well project

– Highly Commended

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Kailah Williams – Highly Commended

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