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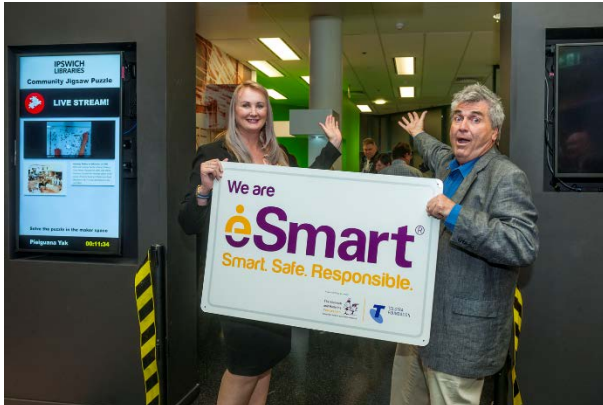
Ipswich Libraries, QLD

Ipswich Libraries celebrates achieving eSmart status and the opening of their STEAM Powered Makerspace"

On Friday the 4th of August Ipswich Libraries celebrated the opening of Ipswich Libraries STEAM Powered Makerspace and the celebration of becoming an eSmart Library,

Ipswich is a Smart City, and eSmart Libraries is instrumental in supporting the technological innovation and development that is driving Ipswich. eSmart Libraries forms an integral part of their digital literacy programs and as such it was appropriate that it was celebrated in conjunction with the opening of Ipswich Libraries STEAM Powered Makerspace.

This Makerspace aims to encourage hands-on experimental learning for people of all ages and to promote and encourage digital literacy growth in the Ipswich Community.

Gunnedah Shire Library, NSW
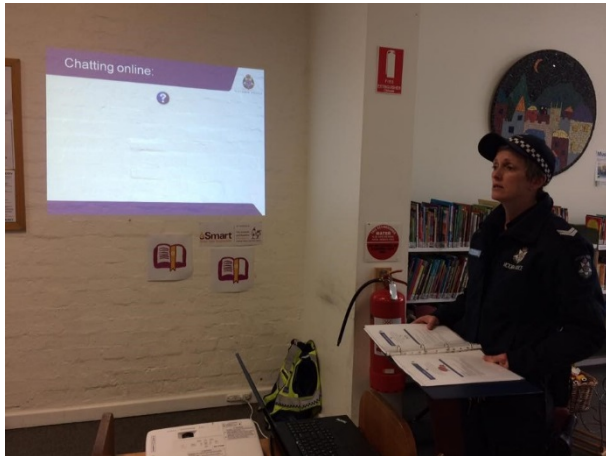

Library Manger Chris Birkett and Councilor Ann Luke

Councilor Ann Luke pulled back the red curtain to officially launch Gunnedah Library as an eSmart Library.

Gunnedah became eSmart last year, the fourth in New South Wales and the sixth regional library service to receive that honour. Gunnedah were a shining example of

a smaller regional library becoming eSmart, doing so by incorporating cyber safety into the existing programs, operations and staff development.

Following Monday's launch, Gunnedah continued to celebrate eSmart week with face out displays, updated materials and cyber safety activities incorporated into their brain training sessions for both seniors and juniors.

Hepburn Libraries, VIC

Senior Constable Mina Martin with a presentation on how to stay safe online

Hepburn Library celebrated their accreditation with an event on 6 September at the Daylesford Library.

For Hepburn, the process of accreditation was about providing skills and resources for the library staff and community to confidently manage cyber-issues and continue to embrace the positive aspects of online activity

As well as unveiling their signs, the library used the occasion to invite Senior Constable Mina Martin to present tips and strategies to help their community stay safe online.

Moreton Bay Region Libraries, QLD

From left to right. Ray Rogers, Director, Telstra Metro South East Queensland Area Board; Brad Langoulant, eSmart Libraries Advisor; Lisa Bateman, Coordinator of Branch Services, Moreton Bay Region Libraries and Bill Halpin, Director, Community & Environment Services, Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Moreton Bay celebrated their achievement at the bustling North Lakes library on Tuesday 5 September.

Lifestyle and Amenity Spokesperson Councillor Matt Constance said libraries play a huge role in helping the community bridge the digital divide, and as part of that role, it's important libraries also embrace being eSmart.

""In working towards their eSmart accreditation, local libraries have integrated cyber-safety into staff training, policies, procedures and most importantly, in its technology classes"

"Our trained eSmart staff are now perfectly placed to help library customers use technology in a safe and responsible way".

The event was a celebration of hard work with representatives from all 11 branches there to accept their 'We Are eSmart' signs.