

# Shire misses out in the latest State Budget

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THE Glenelg Shire will not find joy in the recently released State Budget, according to Glenelg Shire Council mayor Robert Halliday.

The budget was released last week, and Cr Halliday said he had been unable to source any specific projects for the local region.

“There’s not specific project for the Glenelg Shire as far as I can see, but when the government has a chance to consolidate with council, I know council will look forward to working with them over local issues,” Cr Halliday said.

He said the lack of money outlined for the Glenelg Shire in the budget wasn’t a shock to him, as there had not been any promises made prior to the election by the Labor government.

However, he said: “We worked well with the previous government and we will look to continue that good relationship with this government.”



GLENELG Libraries Collections and Resources Officer Kirsten Jones.

## Local librarian to learn from American experts

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A LIBRARIAN from Portland will be travelling to Melbourne soon for a training session put on by staff of one of the world’s great libraries, the Library of Congress in Washington DC.

Glenelg Libraries Collections and Resources officer Kirsten Jones is one of 20 participants who will take part in a fully funded four-day training session in Melbourne with Library of Congress staff and in collaboration with the State Library of Victoria.

The Library of Congress is tasked with cataloguing and preserving the world’s written resources.

“It’s a chance to learn what we should and should not be doing in digital formatting,” Ms Jones said. “The training will help us to audit our existing resources and assist in planning for the Portland collection. We can then get up to speed and make better choices.”

Glenelg Shire mayor Robert Halliday said this type of knowledge and skill-building would continue to benefit the region into the future.

“A key objective of the program is to build the capability and capacity of Victoria’s public libraries to collect, preserve, manage and share local history collections in a digital environment,” he said. “As the world becomes increasingly digital, it is essential that we have the resources to keep up.”

He said once her training is complete, Ms Jones will be part of a team to deliver preservation and digitisation training to other public libraries across the state.

Meanwhile, Portland Library is encouraging its members and users to take part in the eSmart Libraries study. This study will evaluate the eSmart Libraries initiative, which provides the library service with the skills to be safe, smart and responsible online. It aims to teach and support members of the local community to use technology confidently and safely, and aid library staff to integrate cybersafety into their systems and policies.

The eSmart Libraries evaluation is seeking library members to complete an online survey, and attend a one hour focus group meeting or interview. The research team is keen to hear from library users aged 10 to 110 who would like to have their say about internet use and access, safety online and responsible use of technology. The 10-minute survey can be found at <https://bit.ly/esmartstudy> and is open until May 22. Focus groups and interviews will be held on June 1-2 at Portland Library.

To express your interest in participating in a focus group or to find out more information about the evaluation, contact Rebecca Morecroft on 9937 1333 or email [Rebecca.morecroft@yawcrc.org.au](mailto:Rebecca.morecroft@yawcrc.org.au).