



Launch

Inverloch Street Library
with Anna Gebhardt

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Photo-story Laura Brearley

Anna Gebhardt from Inverloch, has created a Street Library on the footpath outside her home.



She invited the community to the launch of the new Street Library.



There was music, dancing, colour and cake at the Launch.





‘Street Libraries are a beautiful home for books,
planted in your front yard.’

Source: <https://streetlibrary.org.au>





‘They are accessible from the street,
and are an invitation to share
the joys of reading with your neighbours.’

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'If anyone has a book or two that they think others would enjoy, they can just pop it into any Street Library they happen to be walking past.'





‘Street Libraries are a window into the mind of a community; books come and go; no-one needs to check them in or out.



People can simply reach in and take what interests them; when they are done, they can return them to the Street Library network, or pass them on to friends.’

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Anna began the ceremony to launch the Street Library with an Acknowledgment of Country and paid respect to the Boon Wurrung / Bunurong Traditional Custodians.



Anna had spent the previous day preparing a special afternoon tea with home made cakes and biscuits.



She served us freshly brewed tea from a red teapot and from a teapot with a lime green woollen tea cosy with coloured pompoms on top.



It was all prepared with care and thoughtfulness and tasted beautiful.



The neighbourhood came out to celebrate.



There was a big age range in the people who attended the Launch.



The Street Library was an immediate success with the local children.





Local librarians were there too ...



... and books were exchanged



Lyndal Chambers and Brian 'Strat' Strating helped celebrate with the much loved local Street Band, the Invy Horn Jam.





The Band played some songs in front of the Street Library ...



... and we all sang along



They paraded along the footpath ...





... and down the street



The Street Library has now been officially launched in Inverloch.



A Street Library is

‘a symbol of trust and hope a tiny vestibule of literary happiness.’

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Deep thanks to Anna Gebhardt for her warmth and generosity,
for sharing her love of books and for bringing the community together in this way.