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## **'50 Years Young' - Launceston Library celebrates 50 years**

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Launceston Library celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, 8 October 2021 and staff are thrilled to present a day of cake, music, plaque unveiling, exhibitions and more to its valued community.

'50 Years Young' will feature a big morning tea for those who have been connected with Launceston Library through its 50 years.

Another feature of the celebration is an exhibition that showcases many fascinating photographs, newspaper articles from *The Examiner*, old membership cards, architectural drawings of the 1970s library and fascinating objects used to provide services over the past 50 years.

The original library was opened – to much hurrah! – in Civic Square by Lord Casey on 8 October 1971.

A plaque organised by the Friends of the Launceston Library will be unveiled at 11:45 am on 8 October, to pay homage the Launceston Mechanics Institute, the precursor to the Launceston Library. Coincidentally, Dr Cornelius Casey – Lord Casey's grandfather – was the president of the Launceston Mechanics Institute when it opened next door to the library site, in 1860.

From midday until 4:00 pm all visitors to the library will be provided with celebratory refreshments, and St Cecilia's Trio will be playing at lunchtime.

The celebrations are anticipated to attract 800 to 1000 visitors to Launceston Library throughout the day.

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