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# Beyond the Library of the Future

University Library Strategic Plan—One more year: 2022

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# Introduction

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This plan is a one-year extension of the Library's previous strategic plan "Beyond the Library of the Future, 2019-2021". The strategic directions outlined in that plan, and their alignment with the University's strategic plan "Future Making" continue to provide a robust and relevant framework for the Library's operational objectives in 2022. The repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic have presented the University and Library with a number of challenges, including pressures on budgets, staffing and service delivery. In spite of these challenges the Library has continued to deliver on its strategic goals and proven itself to be resilient, responsive and flexible in the manner in which it has done so.

It is to be hoped that 2022 will see the end of the pandemic and the Library's priorities will be shaped by the University's plans for academic and financial recovery and the new University Librarian will be able to set the strategic direction for the Library from 2023 in this context.

## THEMES THAT FORM A FRAMEWORK FOR THE PLAN:


LEADERSHIP IN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT  
HIGHLY SKILLED, MOTIVATED AND INNOVATIVE STAFF  
QUALITY FACILITIES, RESOURCES, SYSTEMS AND SERVICES  
PROACTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

## THESE THEMES HAVE BEEN CROSS-REFERENCED AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY'S STRATEGIC PILLARS:

CONNECTED TO THE GLOBAL WORLD OF IDEAS  
A RICH AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF TALENT  
RESEARCH THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE  
A 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION FOR A GROWING COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS  
THE BEATING HEART OF ADELAIDE

Library strategic priorities	The Five Pillars for a great 21st century university and how the library will contribute					
		Connected to the global world of ideas	A rich and diverse community of talent	Research that shapes the future	A 21st century education for a growing community of learners	The beating heart of Adelaide
	<b>Leaders in information management</b>  Demonstrating value to the University through best practice in information management, incorporating FAIR principles	Enabling global access to and discovery of the University’s scholarly information resources anytime, anywhere	Establishing a reputation nationally and internationally for systems, services, and expertise in information management	Capturing, preserving and archiving the University’s scholarly outputs	Enabling discovery of, and access to, resources and services for learning and teaching	Telling the stories of the University through the development and maintenance of deep, broad collections, archives, and records
	<b>Staff who are highly skilled, motivated and innovative</b>  Adopting a whole library approach and fostering a One Library culture	Challenging traditional modes of delivery and exploring new opportunities	Fostering a culture of innovation and excellence in the delivery of high-quality services and expertise	Specialising in targeted research support services	Embedding flexible services to meet a greater range of needs from different types of students and discipline focus	Delivering an active and relevant community engagement program
	<b>Quality facilities, re-sources, systems, and services</b>  Adopting a business function approach to review and development of facilities, re-sources, systems and services, and using data, analytics and other measures for success	Improving impact by enabling discovery of, and access to, the University’s research outputs	Prioritising the student experience and curating scholarly resources for success in learning, teaching, and research	Increase investment in library collections in recognition of their value and importance as a significant University asset and essential piece of research infrastructure	Instilling a proactive and creative approach to delivery of services and spaces	Positioning the library as a place of cultural safety, valued as a unique and iconic centre for scholars and the community
	<b>Proactive partnerships</b>  Engaging as a trusted and neutral partner to achieve what we can’t do alone	With vendors, publishers, and other libraries	With professional bodies, Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL), library and information science educators, and schools	With faculties, schools, the Division of Research and Innovation, research institutes, postgraduate students, and Information Technology and Digital Services (ITDS)	With students and student bodies, other student services units, faculties, and schools	With Alumni, Friends of the Library, State Library of South Australia, galleries, and museums





## Leaders in Information Management

- > Relaunch the Discovery project, prioritising review of existing methods and systems for discovery, their use, relevance and usability, an assessment of metadata quality, a review of roles and responsibilities, infrastructure and improvements to physical wayfinding.
- > Develop and implement a communication plan on scholarly publishing changes and challenges, with particular reference to APCs, transformative agreements and open access.
- > Reinvigorate the SOS (Store, Organise, Share) Project.
- > Continue implementation of Digital Preservation Roadmap.
- > Complete a plan for development of Adelaide Connect content, incorporating digitisation priorities and migration of Dspace content.

# Operational Plan Objectives 2022



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## Ask Library



### **Staff who are highly skilled, motivated, and innovative**

- > Focus on embedding values into new professional development framework.
- > Monitor workload, processes and procedures post implementation of Organisational Sustainability Plan (OSP).
- > Review single points of failure register and succession planning. Identify gaps and develop business position for new roles to address changing business needs.
- > Formalise SpARK vision and mission and focus on developing the team.
- > Provide a Cultural Safety Program for all Library staff.



## Quality facilities, resources, systems and services

- > Continue development and use of Power BI.
- > Expand service catalogue with a functional focus and KPIs.
- > Review collection valuation processes and initiate rolling reviews for special collections.
- > Undertake a zero-based review of the Collections Budget.
- > Continue to progress actions identified in various special collections review roadmaps.
- > Contribute to feasibility project for HPE CM integration.
- > Progress BSL Level 1 development with a focus on expansion of Yaitya Ngutupira.

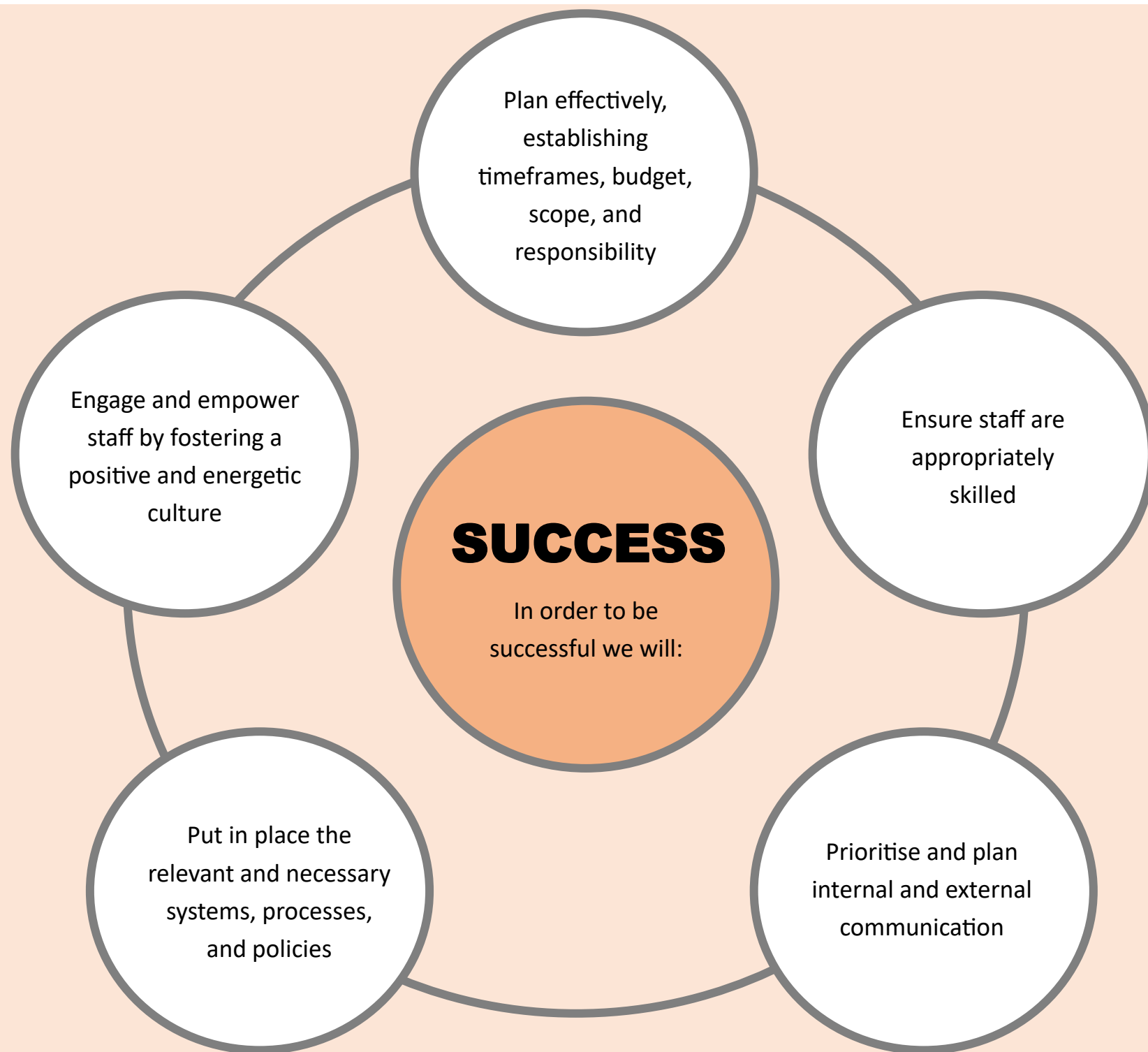




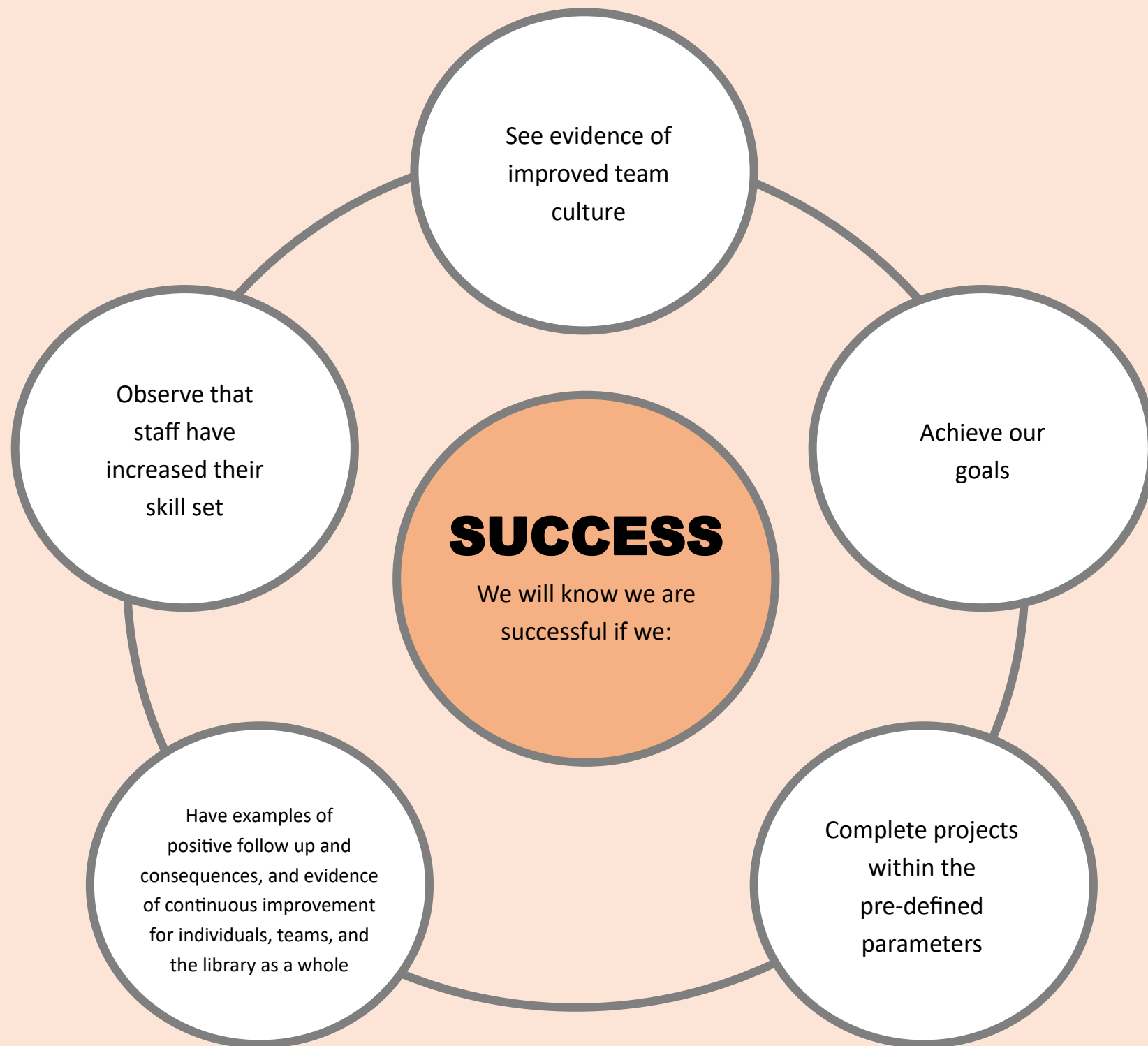
## Proactive partnerships

- > Revamp the Adopt-a-Book program according to objectives identified in the 2021 review.
- > Complete book for the 150th anniversary.
- > Participate in planning and preparation for the University's 150th Anniversary commemoration.
- > Establish Art Purchasing Group.
- > Review all communications functions, processes and resourcing, including development of an external communications plan.
- > Develop a collection of presentation and publicity resources.
- > Review internal and external engagement of all staff with various agencies and committees.











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