State Library creates a new online home for design thinking

State Library of Queensland has launched Design Online, a new public web space for exchanging ideas and generating knowledge around design in the Asia Pacific.

State Librarian Janette Wright said design thinking is becoming an increasingly recognised tool for exploring complex 21st century problems.

"Last year we welcomed world-leading visionary, innovator, designer and author Bruce Mau to speak at State Library," said Ms Wright. "Bruce has a reputation for interdisciplinary and purpose-driven design innovation, and believes the power of design is boundless and has the capacity to bring positive change on a global scale.

"He challenged us to see the entire world as a design project, encouraging people to look at solving global problems with innovative, home-grown and thoughtful solutions.

"Design Online www.designonline.org.au is a unique platform that will go a long way to helping achieve this," she said.

"Through Design Online, industry, academia and the public can share in a global discussion, and access the best digital content in the form of vodcasts, podcasts, articles, events, workshops and exhibitions.

"Based around the idea of ‘creative propulsion’, the design community can also author content, building on the ideas of others and generating new knowledge and understanding," said Ms Wright.

The website has been developed by State Library's Asia Pacific Design Library (APDL), in collaboration with the broader design community.

APDL have also created Design Minds, an educational site launched in conjunction with Design Online.

Design Minds www.designminds.org.au provides public access to design education content, increases the capacity of Queensland teachers to teach creativity and design, and gives young people access to world-class design projects and activities.

Design Online and Design Minds were launched on 28 June at the 2012 Queensland Smart Design Awards.

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