



QUEENSLAND NARRATING SERVICE AUDIO INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE WITH PRINT DISABILITIES

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SPONSORSHIP PROSPECTUS

Queensland Narrating Service (QNS) is a non-profit community organisation that enables people with a print disability to exercise their right to access desired information in audio formats.

People with print disabilities are blind or vision impaired; have physical disabilities which limit their ability to hold or manipulate information; have perceptual or other intellectual disabilities which limit their ability to follow a line of print or which affect their concentration; or cannot comprehend information in a print format due to poor literacy or insufficient language skills.

QNS engages skilled and motivated staff and volunteers to precisely convert print material into digital audio format, utilising modern technology and systems to provide a high quality, cost-effective service.

QNS operates in a fair and responsible manner in dealings with volunteers, staff, funding providers, clients and the broader community. QNS began in 1967, is a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission, and is a deductible gift recipient for tax purposes.

Our services

- QNS produces and supplies navigable audio books containing Australian content to public libraries' open and special access collections, increasing choice and access to a wide range of subjects for people with print disabilities so they can pursue a love of reading.
- QNS provides a quality, timely on-demand audio transcribing service for individuals, educational institutions, community organisations, blindness agencies and government departments at all levels, helping create an inclusive information environment.

QNS needs financial assistance to continue providing 4,000 hours a year of vital audio format materials for people with print disabilities.

Less than 5% of all published printed material is converted into accessible formats. QNS is committed to increasing the conversion rate and ensuring print-disabled people are not denied access to information.

Almost 3.8 million Australians live with a print disability, including about 300,000 with vision conditions that cannot be corrected by glasses, lenses or surgery; 90,000 Australians are blind.

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Why donate to QNS?

QNS receives a small amount of government funding, but that ends in mid-2019 because of the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

QNS's future is not secure. Without the generosity of individuals and businesses it cannot continue to deliver a vital informational service to those in need.

Your help will make a difference to the lives of print-disabled Australians.

To continue delivering its services, QNS needs funding for 4,000 audio hours annually at a cost of \$200,000 – each hour of audio costs \$50 to produce. QNS narrators are dedicated volunteers who produce quality material at a fraction of commercial audio costs.

Funding options are:

- \$200,000 to cover annual production costs
- ongoing sponsorship of one audio book a year for five years at \$2,000 a book – a total of \$10,000
- sponsorship of a full catalogue of 30 titles for \$60,000

Each sponsored book will include your company logo on the cover, an audio acknowledgement at the start and end of each book and an acknowledgement in QNS's catalogue, which is distributed to public libraries Australia wide. Your company name will also appear on QNS's website and Facebook page.

Your gift will be carefully invested in providing training and support to narrators and ensuring the production of professional quality audio products to which you can be proud to put your name.

With only 5% of all published printed material converted to accessible formats, please help us change this. Go to www.qns.net.au to donate today.

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