



A NEW AGE FOR LIBRARIES IN THE YARRA RANGES

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HEALESVILLE LIBRARY ACTION PLAN



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCILLOR



Cr Jeanette McRae
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I am pleased to present the Healesville Library Action Plan (2012 – 2017). This five year plan sets out our key actions for the Healesville Library. The actions have been developed after listening to and hearing your views on how the Library can be even better, now and into the future.

In late 2010, I was pleased to participate in the opening of the new Healesville Library. I am also very pleased to report that since its opening, the Library has become a hub of activity and a place where many members of our community love to spend time.

I recognise the vital role the Library plays in the lives of individuals and communities who call Healesville and the surrounding areas home. It was wonderful to hear, through the library survey and focus group, how much you value our librarians and the library for the positive contribution they make to the fabric of our community. The Healesville Library Action Plan seeks to build on the many terrific aspects of the Library over the next five years.

As the Library is located within the Community Link, it is well placed to expand its promotion of a range of community and business services and programs. Complimenting this is our program to upgrade the Memorial Hall which is a civic/cultural space in the centre of Healesville.

The Library will continue to provide an invaluable service to us as it not only encourages reading, literacy and lifelong learning; it also provides access to technology, community information and community meeting spaces.

I look forward to providing annual updates to you on how we are progressing our commitments outlined in this Plan. I also look forward to hearing your ideas on how we can make the Healesville Library an even better experience for all. In the meantime, I hope you continue to enjoy the Healesville Library.

**“ THE LIBRARY IS A DOORWAY
TO MY LOCAL COMMUNITY
AND TO THE WORLD. ”**

Sarah, New Mum to the area, Healesville

5 YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR THE HEALESVILLE LIBRARY



SUSTAINABILITY

- Seek funding to update the children's library area to reflect the cultural significance of Healesville and surrounding areas.
- Ensure the Library is an integral part of the Community Link and continues to work closely with community groups, including those who are co-located.
- Enhance the integration of the Community Link and the Library to provide seamless customer service.
- Promote the use of the online library throughout Healesville and surrounding areas.



LIFE LONG LEARNING

- Develop a partnership between Council's Youth Services and Eastern Regional Libraries Corporation (ERLC) to develop a homework support group to meet at the Library.
- Investigate the potential to develop a stronger partnership with learning organisations to extend opportunities for life long learning.
- Explore partnerships to develop a digital installation of artworks reflecting Healesville and the surrounding areas' heritage.
- Continue to expand early years services, including literacy programs and develop a strong relationship with local playgroups and early childhood education centres.



ACCESS FOR ALL

- Work with co-located key partners to promote community well being.
- Work with the Yarra Ranges Neighbourhood House Group and other community service providers to promote the benefits of the Library to the Healesville community.
- Develop a resource plan to increase the availability of popular current titles through the provision of hard copy and downloadable materials.
- Seek funding to have more audio and large print resources available.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Develop a youth centred marketing campaign highlighting the benefits of online information resources and library services.
- Increase the number of PCs and investigate the potential for other IT resources.
- Use the technology available to cross promote Council, ERLC and community events occurring within the municipality.



KEY PARTNERSHIPS

- U3A
- Primary and Secondary Schools
- Eastern Regional Libraries Corporation
- Healesville and District Historical Society
- Swinburne University of Technology
- Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association (HICSA)
- Yarra Valley Arts Council
- Healesville Living and Learning Centre

CONTINUE TO BE PART OF THE NEW AGE FOR LIBRARIES IN YARRA RANGES

We feel it is important for you to continue to have your say on how we progress your ideas on what the Healesville Library should look like and the types of information and resources that it should contain.



You can do this by accessing the following link:
www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/libraries

There you will be able to:

- View personal stories and anecdotes about what libraries in the Yarra Ranges mean to members of our community.
- Find out on how Yarra Ranges Council is tracking on delivering against the actions outlined in this Plan.
- Suggest ways in which we can work with our partners to make the Healesville Library even better.



Or if you prefer the traditional approach you can:

- write to **Yarra Ranges Council** at **PO Box 105 Lilydale VIC 3140**
- or
- use the feedback box located on the desk at Healesville Library.

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“ MY LIBRARY IS WHERE I GO TO GET INSPIRATION. ”

Tasha, 31, Healesville

