

A new Community Hub for West Lakes

The City of Charles Sturt has commenced planning for development of an exciting new Community Hub in West Lakes. The Hub will bring together the existing West Lakes Library and Community Centre services under one roof, creating a vibrant, attractive and modern facility.

"The existing Library and Community Centre operate out of separately rented buildings, one a former hardware store and the other a garden centre. While they have served the community well for more than 20 years, the creation of a new integrated hub has many long-term benefits for the community," Mayor Evans said.

"Our vision is to create a next-generation, integrated community space that is recognised as a centre of excellence for literacy, learning, innovation and discovery. It is proposed to locate the Hub in the WEST development, where it will form part of the new town centre being established by C&G and utilise the fabulous open space provided by the Football Park Oval."

Benefits of the project include:

- Greater convenience for the community by co-locating library and community centre services under one roof.
- Move the library and community centre out of the shopping centre car park, making it easy to walk to.
- Provide a well-designed, flexible modern facility that features state-ofthe-art technology, allowing for a range of adaptable uses to meet the needs of current and future users.
- A facility that is purpose designed to meet all disability access needs.

Current community centre and library users, and other key stakeholders are invited to offer ideas that will help shape the design and function of the Hub. A Community Open Day will be held between 10am and 2pm on Saturday, 28 April 2018 at the existing West Lakes Library. The Open Day will provide more information on the planned facility and provide an opportunity for the sharing of ideas. Ideas can also be submitted online via www.yoursaycharlessturt.com.au.

A decision on the final design of the Hub will be made by Council in the second half of 2018.

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