



Project Update



# New chapter for Caloundra Library

**Over the past year, Council has completed detailed feasibility and preliminary design to re-purpose the existing Caloundra Administration Building at Omrah Avenue into a new District Library.**

The three-level building will also include a Customer Service Centre, community meeting space and Council administration offices.

The new contemporary District Library will replace the existing Library in Felicity Park.

The major refurbishment is part of:

- The broader Caloundra Centre Activation Project which aligns with the visions of the Caloundra Centre Master Plan, endorsed by Council in 2017. You can find updates on this major project on Council's website.
- A network of facilities for arts and cultural infrastructure proposed to respond to growth and demand and as outlined in the Regional Arts Infrastructure Framework and Library Network Plan 2019-41. These high level strategic documents are available on Council's website.

The proposed refurbishment will be at the heart of the Community and Creative Hub Precinct which will connect civic buildings and open space from The Events Centre through to Bulcock Beach and provide spaces for events and activation opportunities.

## Timeline

The detailed design for the new District Library and community meeting space is set to get underway in July 2021.

It is anticipated the refurbishments will begin mid next year (2022) and that the new Caloundra District Library will open its doors to the community early in 2024.

## The current Library

The existing Caloundra Library is the busiest library in the Sunshine Coast Library Network, and one of the oldest.

Every year more than 300,000 people visit the Caloundra Library, borrowing almost 450,000 items from the collection.

With a floor space of 1120sqm, the existing Library opened 25 years ago and was designed to cater for a much smaller population. The Library is now bursting at the seams.



For more information visit Council's website.



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# The new Library

The new Caloundra District Library, Customer Service Centre and community meeting space will be developed over three levels of the existing Caloundra Council Administration Building. The Library will provide a typically Queensland indoor/outdoor experience with spaces for all ages and users.

This will be the first new library for the Sunshine Coast Local Government area in more than 20 years. It will replace the existing Caloundra Library which opened its doors to the public in 1986.

## What does this mean to me as a Library member/visitor?

Nothing at this stage. This advice is to provide you with information and encourage you to find out more.

Council's website includes information on the broader Caloundra Centre Activation Project and the exciting

plans for the Community and Creative Hub Precinct. The website will be continually updated as the project progresses.

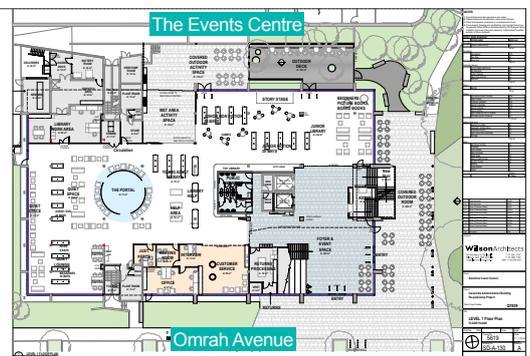
There may be a period of time closer to the opening when access to the existing Caloundra Library will be limited. However, before that time, we will work with you to ensure alternative options to borrow, learn, meet and be part of the Library community. To keep up to date with the project or find out more about the new Caloundra District Library, visit council's website.

### Level 1 floor plan\*

1788m<sup>2</sup>

Level 1 will include:

- a large open foyer and event space with tiered seating
- junior library with outdoor activity space and deck
- young adult area
- quiet space and magazine lounge
- covered outdoor room and kiosk.

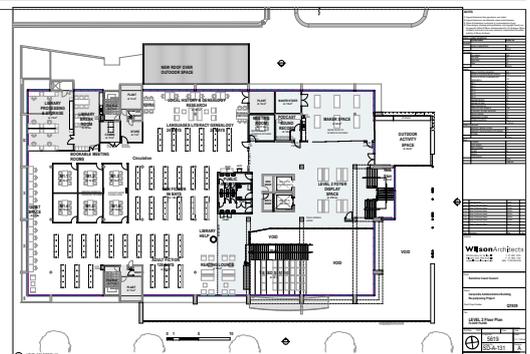


### Level 2 floor plan\*

1622m<sup>2</sup>

Level 2 will include:

- a large foyer and display area
- main library collections area
- reading lounge
- meeting rooms and sound recording room
- maker space

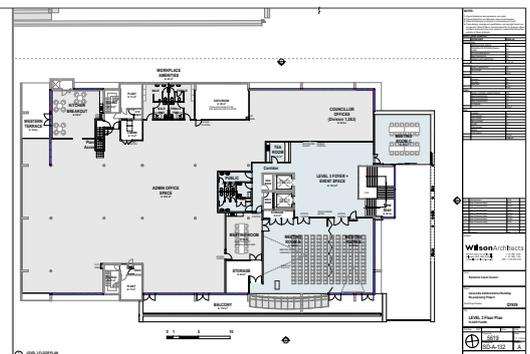


### Level 3 floor plan\*

1806m<sup>2</sup>

Level 3 will include:

- an open foyer and event space
- large flexible community meeting space in the former Caloundra Council Chambers
- outdoor meeting room
- Council administration offices.



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