



# DUBBO LIBRARY FUTURE NEEDS SURVEY NOW LIVE

Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) and the Executive Council of Macquarie Regional Library (MRL) invite the community to have their say about the future of the Dubbo Library. The two bodies have identified opportunities for the current Dubbo centre to enhance information services, collections, events, and programs to better support a growing regional area with diverse needs.

External consultation specialists GHD have been engaged to assess community needs and wants as part of a new Dubbo library, along with capturing any new opportunities to deliver improved library services and facilities in the future. The key tool for the consultation process will be a community needs survey, along with some smaller identified focus groups.

Mayor of Dubbo Regional Council, Councillor Mathew Dickerson said it's important Council understands what the community wants when making decisions. "This survey is a wonderful chance for the community to lead the decision-making processes about their library. Any decision this new Council makes should be informed by the community we

represent. Whether that be the town library, a new playground, a major road infrastructure project or the delivery of services,” said Mr Dickerson.

Manager of Macquarie Regional Library, Kathryn McAlister said the community have a variety of ways they can participate in the consultation process. “The community is invited to participate in the online survey which can be found on DRC’s website and social media channels, MRI’s website and social media channels, members can come into the library and fill out a hard copy of the survey and GHD are also hosting a range of focus groups. We are hoping to get a good cross-section of the community participating, from daily users, businesses, students, parents with children, seniors, schools – to name a few.

“By participating in the consultation process, our community will help us understand the particular interests and ideas they may have and determine any physical constraints and benefits of the current library to help determine the identified need(s) for the future Dubbo Library,” said Mrs McAlister.

The consultation phase is now live until end of February 2022. The data will be presented to Councillors via a workshop.

To participate in the online survey please click [here](#) Dubbo Library Future Needs Survey.

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