

Iconic green hub under development in southern Adelaide

Woodcroft library is one of six public libraries in the City of Onkaparinga in South Australia. Since 1991 the original building housing the library has also been home to a neighbourhood centre, housing, health, and allied health services making it a busy community hub for residents in this city. The building design has struggled to meet the needs of all the users as an integrated service and has proved to be an expensive building to run. After many years of planning the building was temporarily closed for redevelopment in April this year. The new building will provide the community with a fresh modern facility which will also showcase the latest in green technologies.



Artists impression of Woodcroft library

Funded by council and with the additional support of the federal government through the Green precinct fund, we are well on the way to creating an iconic green hub in southern Adelaide.

Key initiatives of the project include installing solar power and a more energy efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. It also includes a building management system which has room sensors to control lighting. Additionally the project will have a rainwater and stormwater harvesting system for reticulation, water-use metering and sub-metering, and will offer replacement of all taps and cisterns with 6-star WELS rated fittings.

Through these measures the City of Onkaparinga expects to decrease energy used by the building by 65%. The rainwater and stormwater harvesting system aims to capture a surplus 400 000 litres of water to be shared with the neighbouring Woodcroft College.

The new building will open towards the end of this year as an integrated library, neighbourhood centre, and customer service point for the city. An interactive trail will be established within the building to inform building users of the green initiatives in place, and staff and volunteers will be trained to answer questions from the community. The library will support this educative role with a targeted collection.

This exciting new initiative will encourage our community to learn new ways to conserve water and energy and, where possible, apply what they have learned to their daily lives.

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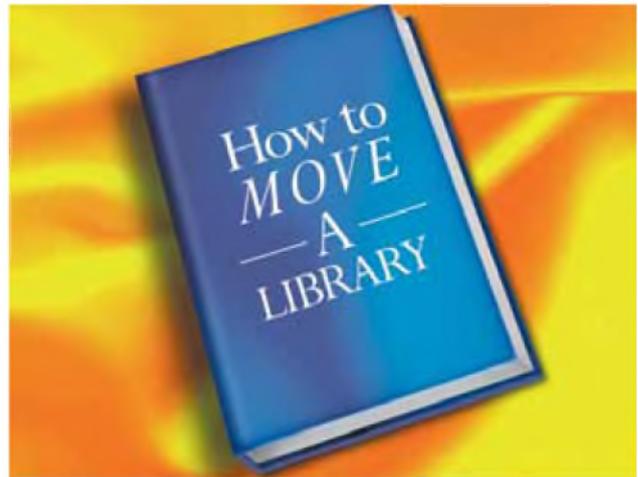
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