



Final stage for Library refurbishment

BY LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVE MANAGER MARIANNE FOSTER

THE fourth and final stage of our Library Refurbishment is scheduled to begin today.

You will notice our new Help desk right in the middle of the ground floor when you come into the library, whether from the Dee Street or the car park entrance. This is the first point of call for all of your enquiries. We will be pleased to show you around and point you in the right direction, please ask!

In the latest move the children's books are moving into their final position in the library, where they used to be. The entire library multimedia collections, which include DVDs, CDs, puzzles and games, will now be on the same side of the library near the activity spaces. You will also notice a new parents' room for changing your children and a public toilet, all accessible on the ground floor.

Newspapers will be moving to the ground floor along with the biographies. Please ask us and

we will show you where they are. The internet computers will also be moving to the ground floor, although that won't be immediate.

The returns area will stay where it is until our new returns shelves are ready for use. Watch this space to read about the bright orange shelves that will allow you to return multiple items at once.

The next stage of the refurbishment is the staff area, so some of our staff will be working in the learning space downstairs behind the multimedia (DVDs, CDs etc) area and some will be in the meeting room, which is why it cannot be used by the public at present.

In the new year, when the whole refurbishment has been completed we look forward to offering tours of the new spaces.



Exterior access ramp

Stage one of Splash Palace upgrade finishing soon

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STAGE one of the pool change room and foyer build is on schedule to finish in early December. Entrance stairs and the access ramp are nearly fully completed and windows have started going in around the exterior.

Some colour is now starting to be seen with cladding now underway and some interior colours also starting to show through.

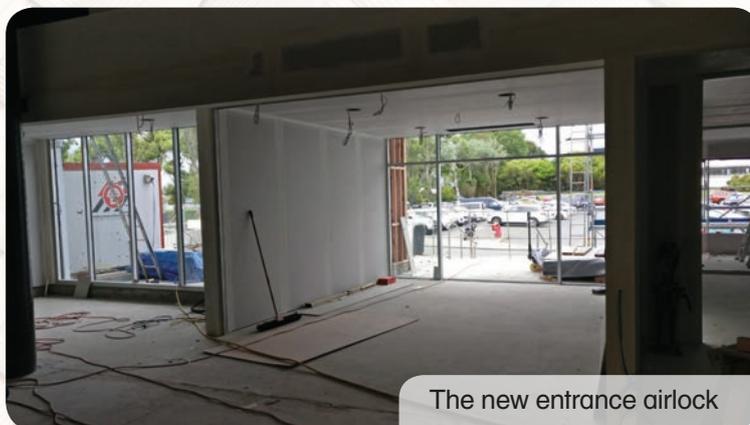
Builders have been hard at work putting up the fibre cement and gib board around the interior; stopping and painting has also begun.

It is exciting to see it all coming together. Of particular note is the access ramp leading to the area where mobility scooters can be parked under shelter, the new entrance airlock and the exterior access stairs leading up to the airlock.

Stage two will begin immediately after stage one is complete and open. This will include changes to the pool operations room and the addition of two accessible change rooms with toilets for disabled customers.



The area where mobility scooters can be parked under shelter



The new entrance airlock



Exterior access stairs leading up to the airlock



Armistice Day exhibition opens

MANY thanks and congratulations to everyone who helped prepare 63 Esk Street for the Armistice Day exhibition which was formally opened by His Worship the Mayor, Tim Shadbolt, yesterday.

It is a great example of many organisations coming together to collaborate, the extra effort put in by staff, family and friends must also be acknowledged.

We hope all elected members get a chance to view this spectacular exhibition, which is a fitting tribute to those servicemen who fought for us all.

The exhibition is open daily between 10am and 4pm until 10 November.

