

Spring 2017



# Naracoorte Lucindale Council Newsletter

## Naracoorte Public Library / Community Resource Centre

A Special Council meeting was held on 3 October to discuss the design of the Naracoorte Public Library / Community Resource Centre. The current library is a service provided by Council that is utilised by 1,000 customers per week.

At the meeting the Elected Members endorsed the schematic design shown below. Now that a schematic design has been endorsed construction drawings can be refined, finalised and fully costed.



While the design is in the schematic stage there are many aspects that have not been fully developed, therefore the project cannot be accurately costed. Progressing to construction drawings means a definite and detailed design is developed. The unknown factors are reduced enabling an accurate and detailed costing to be determined.



The construction drawings will show the detailed design of the building's exterior, the interior including library shelving, furniture fit out and library equipment and carpark, landscaping and services infrastructure.

The schematic design that has been endorsed and will be the basis for the detailed construction drawings accommodates:

- The existing library collection, in a new modern space, with integrated seating and new shelving for an improved user experience
- A new social gathering space
- A room to store and display local history
- A community meeting room that will provide a space for community events, social club activities and library staff to run activities
- A study and business area that will support the changing landscape of the workforce, high school study and video conferencing
- A new front desk with retail quality customer service
- A larger children's area that can accommodate story time and school holiday activities
- A new parents room and toy library will come back into the library

The schematic design provides for a 620m<sup>2</sup> library, 300m<sup>2</sup> more space than the current library and can be viewed on Council's Your Say website at <http://yoursay.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/library-design>



Once the construction drawings have been finalised the Elected Members will again consider the project. A formal resolution of Council is required prior to proceeding to the next stage of the project. Prior to any decision to commit to construction the Elected Members will review Council's financial position and the economic environment. Every endeavour will be made to employ local contractors and to ensure as much money as possible is spent in the local economy.

Brett Julian Architect, was engaged in February 2017 following a tender process conducted at the end of 2016. (Picture credits Brett Julian Architect).

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## Councils - Part of your every day

### Councils for the friends, books and nooks



Over 600,000 South Australians are active members of the one-card library network and between them they borrowed 15.2million items last year!

2,834 of these members belong to the Naracoorte Public Library. There are around 50,000 visits to the Naracoorte Public Library each year with over 60,000 items borrowed annually.

Libraries are no longer just about books. They've become one of our favourite places to meet with many incorporating meeting rooms used by a huge variety of community groups.

Libraries offer free internet and computer access, and lend out CDs and DVDs. They run programs that bring people from all walks of life together, including story time, summer reading clubs, English as a second language, digital literacy courses and book discussion groups.

### Councils for the walks, parks and barks

Next time you walk your furry friend take a moment to think about some of the Council services that make the experience a whole lot more enjoyable - footpaths, street crossings, walking trails, dog parks, and even special bags for Rover's business!

Council is currently constructing a dog-off-leash park at Market Square, Naracoorte.

Last year Council reunited 103 dogs with their owners. Dog registration enables Council to quickly identify lost animals and reunite them with their owners. Last year SA Councils returned over 8,000 animals to relieved families.

### Councils for the runs, walks and rides



Like to start your day with an early morning run? Or perhaps you prefer to don the lycra and join the 'cafe racers'. Either way, you've probably never stopped to consider the difference your local council makes to the experience. Councils maintain local roads, create bike lanes, construct walking and cycling trails, provide street lighting and even supply the odd park bench for when you need a rest!

### Councils for the swings, rides and slides



Got plans for the weekend? What about taking the kids (or grand-kids) to the playground? Kicking a ball around at the park and throwing a few snags on the public BBQ? Or grabbing your togs for a dip in the Naracoorte Swimming Lake?

South Australian Councils maintain thousands of parks and playgrounds across the State for the enjoyment of local residents.

This year Council has budgeted to upgrade the playground at Musgrave Avenue, Lucindale and to develop a Natural Play Area at Memorial Parklands, Naracoorte. Also, since the beginning of July, 560 trees, shrubs and grasses have been planted.