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Plans progress for new Rainbow Library

A new library service for Rainbow is one step closer, with design of the new Rainbow Library now complete. The plans will shortly be submitted as a part of the building permit application process which is expected to be finalised before the end of this year.

Council anticipates advertising for tenders for the construction of the new library project early next year with the hope that building will begin in March / April of 2021. While showcasing the contemporary design of the new building, Hindmarsh Shire CEO Greg Wood said, "This is an exciting project for Rainbow with the town to again have a local library after many years of only limited access to a mobile library service."

The new library will offer Rainbow residents access to a wide range of library materials and also provide opportunities for residents to access the internet, with dedicated computer terminals included as a part of the plan, and join in on book chats, visiting authors, rhyme time or story time. A large decking area at the rear of the building has also been included allowing for activities both inside and outside that encourage people of all ages to visit their local library.

The new building is set to occupy the site where the old decommissioned maternal and child health office is located towards the eastern end of Federal Street. Demolition of this building will occur shortly in preparation for construction of the new library. Council is also looking to establish pedestrian pathways and landscaping linking the new library with the Oasis community facility.

In conclusion Mr Wood said, "Council is excited to provide a new library for the Rainbow Community. A modern, easily accessible and user friendly library will help to ensure the people of Rainbow are provided with the same learning and recreational opportunities as their larger regional centre counterparts."

This project has been made possible with funding from the Victorian State Government's Living Libraries program and Hindmarsh Shire Council.

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