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Read all about it; A Bright Future for Yarriambiack Library Services

Yarriambiack Shire Council Residents will assist Council to plan for the bright future of the community based Library service to commence from July 1st, 2020.

Over the next few months, Council staff will engage with all communities currently receiving a library service to discuss how they want their library service to look in to the future including which programs and value adding opportunities they can identify.

Yarriambiack Shire Chief Executive Officer, Jessie Holmes stated;

“The corporation model for library services has served us well for many decades, but it is time now to look at the way in which Yarriambiack Shire Council can deliver library services as part of their wider community development commitments, from Early Years through to Older Persons liveability and all the amazing opportunities that libraries afford as dynamic spaces to not only collect books and build on imagination, but as activated spaces for social inclusion and connection.

Once we have spoken with all of our communities about how they see the library service working for them and provided them with examples of options available including partnering with neighbourhood houses or civic locations then we will have several months to see that new library space and community responsive model developed prior to kicking off from July 1st, 2020.

The Yarriambiack Shire Council Community Development Team, as part of a wider WRLC review, has made a commitment to maintain the static Library at Warracknabeal and its current staff. The mobile library will be replaced with a local community model that offers improved services and can be more responsive to community needs as they emerge and evolve.

Council is absolutely committed to maintaining membership with SWIFT to provide continued access to a wide range of other library resources across the State along with a catalogue of online digital material including audio books and eBooks.

We see the next 12 months as being an exciting time of positive change for communities and library services in the Yarriambiack Shire and look forward to meeting community members to discuss the changes proposed and explore new options. We expect that there will continue to be a strong partnership with surrounding Councils in an alternate model to the corporation”

Jessie Holmes

Chief Executive Officer

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