

NAPIER LIBRARY STRATEGY FAQS

WHY DID THE LIBRARY MOVE?

The Library Building was assessed for seismic strength by an independent, qualified consultancy called Strata Group. The building was found to be 15% of New Building Standards (NBS). This is very low, and could pose a potential risk to visitors and staff in the event of a large earthquake. The widely accepted standard for NBS is a minimum of 67%. Napier City Council is committed to the wellbeing of our staff and our community.

HOW LONG WILL THE LIBRARY BE AT THE MTG HAWKE'S BAY?

The temporary location will be for around 3-4 years.

WHEN WILL A NEW LIBRARY BE BUILT?

We have created our draft Library Strategy and are going out for public consultation on the draft. The strategy will help decide what the future service should be. A business case would then be developed.

HOW MUCH HAVE WE GOT TO PAY FOR A NEW LIBRARY?

\$15.8 million, as per Napier City Council Long Term Plan.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THIS MONEY IF IT GOES BACK WHERE IT WAS?

It will go towards the refurbishment of the building.

I SAW THAT THE LIBRARY MIGHT MOVE ALTOGETHER TO CLIVE SQUARE?

We are developing a Library Strategy which will assess how a modern library should look, how it should perform, what it might house in terms of books, resources, and technology, as well as where it might be. Station Street might not be the best location for our permanent City Library, so we will investigate a number of options.

HOW DO I HAVE MY SAY ON OUR TEMPORARY OR FUTURE LIBRARY?

During the development of the Library Strategy we sought feedback from all our stakeholders to make sure what we do next reflects the needs of the community. We are now seeking feedback on the library strategy to make sure we are heading in the right direction. We are always happy to receive feedback from our customers and will continue to ask for it.



WHO WROTE THE STRATEGY?

Darran Gillies, Library Manager, led the strategy which included involvement from many of the library team, as well as working with consultants Morrison Low who are experts with this kind of work. We consulted with the public extensively during this process to make sure we got a strategy the community wants for its Library.

WHO DID YOU ENGAGE WITH?

We wanted to hear what you wanted in a library service which included multiple 'pop ups' around the city and also clinics and community groups.

HAS A SITE BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR THE NEW LIBRARY?

No. The strategy involved asking our community what they want from their library service which will help shape the decision on what kind of library building is needed and where it should be located. The strategy will help inform the terms of reference for site selection, then the site selections will go out for public consultation.

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

Once the feedback for the Library Strategy is completed, we will be seeking its adoption by council and then we can progress with planning and developing a new city centre library for our community. The steps will be;

- Develop and recommend a process for site selection including assessment criteria, with reference to the Civic Building business case and subsequent Statement of Proposal and Council's Long Term Plan (2018-28)
- Ensure the objectives and requirements within the Library Strategy are the key component of the assessment criteria for site selection
- Undertake engagement with key stakeholders during the process prior to full consultation.
- Complete the site options analysis and make recommendations to Council
- Seek feedback from key stakeholders and the community on the site selection
- Build our new purpose built city centre library.