DRYSDALE LIBRARY



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

The City of Greater Geelong undertook a survey of the Bellarine community to seek to understand what the community values about the Drysdale Library service to inform the design of a new library for Drysdale.

The survey asked a range of questions regarding the elements of the library service including "What do you like most about the Drysdale library?", "Tell us three things you would like to see in the new Drysdale library?" and "Beside the borrowing collection, what is most important feature for you in a library?" Comfortable seating, internet, Wi-Fi and computers, dedicated quiet spaces and event and program spaces were most favoured elements nominated.

Insights from the community include "Friendly professional staff who are always available to give support and advice as required", "Easy access and easy to use facilities", 'Firstly, and most importantly, that we have a library! So important and so wonderful. Secondly, it is a safe and friendly space for the community to browse the stacks, use the internet, read the paper. Just sit and be!



NEXT STEPS

The City will continue to work with the designers to ensure that the service needs of the Geelong Regional Library Corporation and the local communities' feedback is incorporated into a library design as it develops.

Further engagement sessions with key stakeholders and the broader local communities will be held in late 2020 and early 2021 to seek your feedback on the design.