

MEDIA RELEASE

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One step closer to a new library and youth facilities

Early next year, Bentleigh Library will be closing to facilitate a \$6.2 million upgrade that will transform the existing library into a new community centre that integrates the adjacent Glen Eira Youth Centre.

Works for this project are expected to commence in early 2021 and are expected to take at least 18 months to complete.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Margaret Esakoff said while the work is underway, the community will still be able to access our library and youth services.

"We have secured a temporary space for the duration of the works at McKinnon Station, where we will be establishing a 'satellite' library that will be operating seven days a week for commuters and the broader community to access," she said.

"These premises will have modern lounge areas for reading, with access to a range of materials including popular newspapers, magazines and fiction titles. Free access to computers and the internet will also be provided."

Cr Esakoff said Council's Youth Services will also be relocated to McKinnon Station and will continue to deliver youth leadership programs and one-on-one support for vulnerable young people.

"Office space for youth workers and counselling rooms will be created within the new space to facilitate the provision of these services," she said.

Council will share updates via its website once works commence.

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