

Burton Community Hub

Why is Council building a Community Hub at Burton?

The City of Salisbury has a strong record of integrated community service delivery through Community Hubs with existing sites at Mawson Lakes, Para Hills and most recently at the Salisbury Community Hub.

The value of Community Hubs is that they provide a meeting place for people to learn, play, make social connections and they also provide a facility for a wide range of community activities, programs, services and events. They are generally co-located around other facilities such as shopping centres, recreational facilities or schools. This creates an opportunity for people to undertake a number of activities in one convenient location.

There have been many changes in the western area of the city which mean that the timing for a new community hub is right. For example, the Northern Connector will likely increase the movement of people entering the city from the western entrance (from the western section of Burton to Waterloo Corner) making the Burton precinct a significant future entrance way for population growth and movements into and out of the city. There is also a growing number of young families moving into the area who will benefit from the community hub alongside the existing recreational facilities.

The Burton Community Hub will link nearby facilities such as the Burton Park Football Centre, Burton Park Playground, the Springbank Shopping Plaza and the Kaurna Park Wetlands, as well as providing services for surrounding schools, learning centres and aged care facilities.

What is the Burton Community Hub?

This brand new community facility will be a vibrant and exciting space and will replace the existing Burton Community Centre and Salisbury West Library to provide a range of innovative cultural, learning and recreational opportunities. There will be a variety of relaxing quiet spaces, perfect for individual study, as well as spaces for community programs and meetings. Council has also recently received funding as part of Phase 2 of the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program for a community shed (The Shed) and a community garden area which will complement existing programs and services as well as offer new and exciting opportunities for our community to learn new skills, meet new people and improve their general health and wellbeing.

Where will this community facility be located?

The Burton Community Hub will be located adjacent to the Burton Park Football Centre (home of Salisbury United Football Club) and close to Springbank Plaza Shopping Centre and nearby Kaurna Park Wetlands. The Burton Community Centre and the Salisbury West Library will be relocating into the new Burton Community Hub.

How have you involved the community in the design of the new Burton Community Hub?

We undertook community consultation during July – August 2020 through surveys sent out to the local community which provided them with an opportunity to provide input into the design. We received 239 responses from the local community. We also held a workshop at Burton Community Centre on 5 August and the information from that workshop was also incorporated in the design.

When will the new Community Hub be finished?

We have now completed the concept design phase. The next phase includes the construction of the community shed and garden which is due for completion in December 2021. Construction of the Hub building is due to be completed in the second half of 2022.

Why is the Salisbury West Library moving from its current location at Hollywood Boulevard?

The City of Salisbury recently undertook a study in relation to library services within the western catchment area of the City. The outcome of that study was the recommendation that a library service be created as part of the Burton Community Hub project to service the Burton and Salisbury West catchment area and that library services from the existing Salisbury West Library location be relocated to the Burton Community Hub. The new library will consist of a modern, digitally sophisticated and flexible design with increased space for programs and events, meeting rooms and a learning area.

What is the history of the Salisbury West Library?

Salisbury West opened on 5 July 1993 at its current location on Hollywood Boulevard. The library shares the building with Salisbury Primary Health Care Services and together they celebrated their first anniversary by launching the Salisbury West Time Capsule on 21 October 1994.

Will I still have access to the services currently provided at the library?

Most definitely! The Burton Community Hub site is larger than the existing library site and this will provide opportunities to expand the current services offered at the Salisbury West Library.

What is the project cost and will it impact my rates?

The estimated projected cost is \$6.5 million and this has been incorporated into our long term financial plan.

What kind of programs and services will be available?

This exciting new facility is designed to service the growing needs of the whole community including local residents, schools and businesses. It will provide a variety of accessible spaces, some of which will be available for hire by groups and organisations and will see an increased offering of innovative programs

The centre will also provide services for:

- Residents to connect with others and develop new friendships
- School students and young people to meet, learn, and participate in group and individual activities
- New and experienced gardeners to help our community garden grow
- Storytellers to record their stories on video and/or audio
- Seniors to access information and be socially connected
- Businesses looking for networking opportunities and additional space to do business
- Families to enjoy activity programs and access the internet
- Anyone who would like to access information regarding local services, walking trails and events in the local area
- Volunteers wanting to become involved in the local community

The large function area will be complete with projector screen and a kitchen , providing a great space for local businesses, not for profit organisations and sporting clubs to host events such as Annual General Meetings, presentation nights, business breakfasts and conferences. Smaller rooms will also be available for meetings and workshops. There may be a charge applied for the use of these spaces .

What is The Shed?

The Shed is a community shed facility similar to the Men's Shed concept and will have a variety of carpentry and other tools for men and women to access to create a variety of personal and/or community based projects. As part of its inclusive design, programs for those with a disability will also be incorporated into The Shed's programming.

How can I be involved with the community garden?

The community garden will be a dedicated food producing area for all of our community to enjoy through participation in a range of programs for all ages that support health and wellbeing and/or as a volunteer. This will include programs that introduce the young and old to the health and nutrition benefits of growing your own produce and a range of workshops on interesting gardening topics.

When did the Burton Community Centre close to the public?

The centre closed on 30 June 2021 at 5pm and has now been demolished to make way for construction of the new Hub facility. Many of the Centre's programs have now be relocated to other venues.

The Salisbury West Library will remain open until the construction of the Burton Community Hub is completed in the second half of 2022.

Will there be any disruption to services?

Yes. In order to develop the new site, the Burton Community Centre was demolished in July 2021. Council consulted with the Burton Community Centre Management Committee to relocate existing groups whilst the new facility is being constructed.

What will happen to the Salisbury West Library site following the relocation?

We have a number of early concepts in mind which are yet to be determined. We will keep our community informed of further developments as they occur.

Will there be an opening day event for the community?

Yes! Plans are already underway to provide a fun packed day full of free activities for the entire community. The entire centre will be open for people to walk through and experience all the great things on offer as part of this new facility.

How can I be keep up to date?

Visit: www.salisbury.sa.gov.au/bch or see Council's Facebook page for further project updates and milestones.

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