



ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

TEMPORARY LIBRARY CLOSURE

The Hervey Bay Library building is temporarily closed while the roof and air conditioning system are replaced.

Library services are being provided from a temporary pop-up facility at the Hervey Bay Regional Gallery across the road until 20 January 2024.

While Council is in the process of designing and building a new modern library in the Hervey Bay City Centre in the coming years, we need to replace the roof now.

These works ensure we keep our staff and customers safe while continuing to provide services to the community.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will services be provided during the roof replacement works? What services will be available?

A temporary portable building will be set up alongside the Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, with the toilets and spaces within the gallery to be available to library staff and visitors.

Services will be limited during the closure. A small borrowing collection will be available in the portable building, with customers encouraged to reserve items, use online resources or visit other library branches, which will remain open.

Limited public computers, printing and Wi-Fi will be housed in the art gallery café space across the road, while adult and children's programs will continue to be offered at alternative venues such as the art gallery, parks and the University of Sunshine Coast campus.



Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

When will the library building reopen?

The temporary pop-up facility will operate at the Hervey Bay Regional Gallery until 20 January 2024.

There will then be a two-week closure period to allow staff to finish setting up the new library space.

The refurbished library will reopen on Monday 5 February 2024 at its old location on 161 Old Maryborough Road.

What hours will the temporary building be open?

The Hervey Bay Library temporary building and spaces within the gallery will be open Tuesdays to Fridays, 10am to 4pm, and 10am to 2pm on Saturdays.

The opening hours will be similar to the Hervey Bay Regional Gallery's opening hours to ensure customers have access to the toilets and spaces within the gallery.

Children's and adult programs at alternative venues will be available at a range of different times, with more details available at the Fraser Coast Libraries' What's On page - <https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/whats-on>

Why does the roof need to be replaced?

The existing library building is 26 years old, with inspections identifying that the roof had come to the end of its working life and needs to be replaced.

These works ensure we keep our staff and customers safe while continuing to provide services to the community.

Why replace the roof when a new library will be built within a few years?

Council acknowledges that the existing Hervey Bay Library does not have enough space to meet the needs of our growing population, which is why we are building a new library in coming years under the Hinkler Regional Deal partnership with the Australian Government.

The process to design and build the new modern library in the Hervey Bay city centre is underway. We look forward to engaging with the community about the exciting new programs they would like to see as the new library develops in the next couple of years.

In the meantime, we need to replace the roof to ensure we keep our staff and citizens safe while continuing to provide services to the community. We must protect and maintain this valuable asset for future community use.

Will after hours returns be available?

No, the current library building will be a construction site while the roof is replaced, so there will be no access to the returns chutes.

Returns will need to be made to the temporary building during opening hours.

What car parking will be available?

Access to the existing car park will still be available, but sections of the car park may be isolated for exclusive use by the builder.

Access to the unsealed library car park should still be available. The Hervey Bay Regional Gallery car park will also be available.

There may be times when the library car park needs to be closed during high-risk works. If this is required, we will try to provide as much advance notice as possible.