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Werribee Library Relocation – Community Engagement Report

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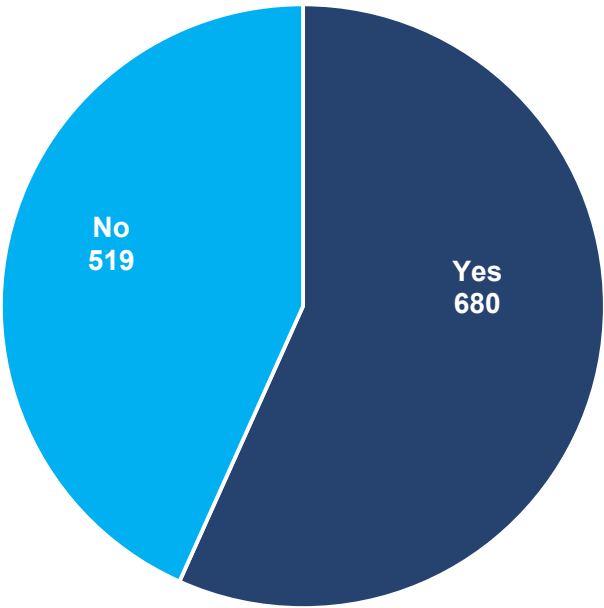
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Overview

Werribee Library has outgrown its current home in the Wyndham Cultural Centre where it has been since 2001. Council sought community feedback on potentially relocating the Werribee Library to level 7 of the Hunter Building, 22 Synnot Street Werribee which is better recognised as the Werribee Holiday Inn.

Community Engagement was open from 1 June 2024 – 1 July 2024. The primary engagement method was via an online quick poll (short form survey) and a long form survey that was available both online (via The Loop) and hard copy (paper) from the Werribee library branch. Both collected information on whether respondents supported the proposed relocation as a yes-no question with the option to add feedback if they did not support the proposal.

In total, 1,199 contributions were received with 680 (56.71%) in support of the relocation and 519 (43.29%) not in support.



Key themes that emerged from the qualitative data analysis:

Key theme	Number of responses	Percent of overall responses
Access to the library for all people	372	86%
Proposed building and surrounds	248	57%
Current library location preference	214	49%
Car parking	101	23%

Further observations and analysis:

- When analysing the age-related data, it was found that the 40-44 year age group submitted the most responses (15%) (*where age data was available*). In fact, 36% of all contributions were made by people aged between 30 and 49 years of age.
- When asked what respondents liked most about the proposed move, people who are in favour welcomed a modern space whereas people who didn't support didn't like anything about the proposal.
- 86% of respondents felt access to the building was the most important consideration.
- 15% of respondents felt having to use an elevator to access the seventh floor was not an ideal outcome.
- 57% of respondents felt the building and surrounding areas were important considerations. Many felt that having the library on the seventh floor would make the library more of a challenge to locate.
- 23% of respondents stated that car parking was a significant consideration.
- A third of respondents were regular users visiting at least once a week (36%), a couple of times a month (28%), or once a month or less (31%)
- Half of respondents (49%) provided feedback mentioning the current location. Many felt the current location of the library was the most preferred and shouldn't be moved (12%). Some felt that it should be expanded (1%) by taking existing gallery and restaurant space.

Methodology

The below table outlines the various methods and techniques used to engage with the community. See Appendix 1 for templates of the survey and quick poll questions.

Community engagement activities / tools	
Method / technique	Stakeholders engaged
Project page on The Loop	3,492 page views 1,776 total visitors to the page
Online survey	431 contributions
Online poll	534 contributions
Hard copy / paper survey	234 contributions
Face-to-face engagement	Werribee library staff were available during library operating hours to assist community for the period of the engagement.

Communications / marketing activities

Method / technique	Details
Online promotion (Facebook - advertising) 	Advertisement was run 3 times (sponsored and organic) Reach: 43,549 Engagement: 14 890 Click through to website: 431 See Appendix 2 for comments received from social media. These have not been included in the analysis of results.
Postcard mail out to all Werribee residents	21 704 delivered
Media Release	21 June 2024
Digital signage	Digital signage in Werribee library branch promoting the engagement opportunity
Loop newsletter / email	Email sent on 31/5/2024 to 1,167 registered users on The Loop notifying them of new project. Email sent on 25/6/2024 to 7,308 Loop newsletter subscribers with a promotion of the engagement opportunity.
Postcards	Provided at Civic Centre customer service area for community.
Library digital newsletter	Article / advertisement in June edition that was emailed to 13 271 subscribers

Who we heard from

The below highlights who we heard from via The Loop survey (both online and the hard copy) during our engagement period who provided demographic details.

Age Group

Under 9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34
0.60%	0.90%	2.56%	3.61%	5.72%	10.84%
35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64
10.09%	15.36%	7.83%	8.13%	6.63%	7.53%
65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85 and over	
4.97%	7.38%	5.27%	1.81%	0.75%	

Gender

Male	Prefer not to say	I identify as
26.7%	4.36%	1.2%

Suburb

Cocoroc	Eynesbury	Hoppers Crossing	Laverton	Laverton North	Little River
0.3%	0.15%	7.61%	0	0	0.15%
Mambourin	Manor Lakes	Mount Cottrell	Point Cook	Tarneit	Truganina
0.46%	2.28%	0	3.04%	4.41%	0.46%
Werribee	Werribee South	Williams Landing	Wyndham Vale	Quandong	
71.84%	2.13%	0.91%	6.24%	0	

Self-described / identified

A person living with and/or caring for a person living with disability	An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person	A person who identifies as LGBTIQ+	Prefer not to say	None of these
17.44%	1.65%	6.16%	6.46%	60%

Do you speak a language other than English at home?

Yes	No
14.74%	85.26%

Library visitation

Once a week or more	Couple of times a month	Once a month or less	Never
36.24% (241)	27.82% (185)	30.53% (203)	5.41% (36)

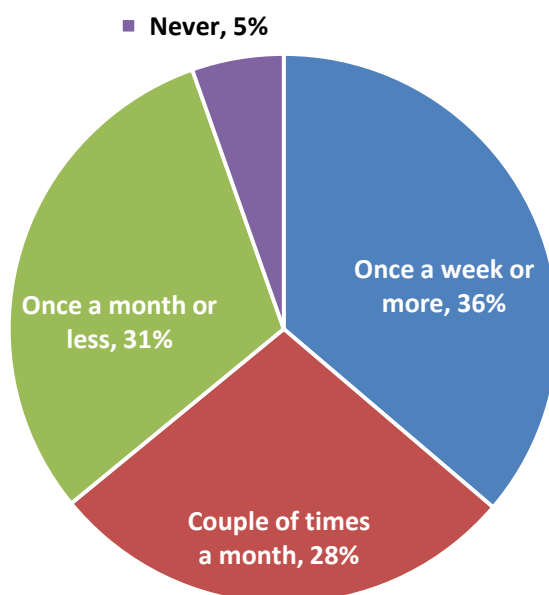
Analysis of feedback

Outside of the contributions received from the engagement methods listed previously, it is noted that a letter was received with 20 signatures on it not supporting the proposed move. There were also 11 emails received that were responded to (some multiple responses).

Deidentified, raw data is available in Appendix 3 (separate document due to size). The following is a breakdown and analysis of responses by question.

Question 1: How often do you currently visit the Werribee Library?

Once a week or more	Couple of times a month	Once a month or less	Never
36.24% (241)	27.82% (185)	30.53% (203)	5.41% (36)



Question 2: Do you support the move to the Hunter Werribee Building?

Yes	No
680 (56.71%)	519 (43.29%)

When respondents answered '**No, I do not support the proposed move**' to the above question in both the quick poll / short form and long form survey, they were prompted to provide further information. The key themes below related to these responses only.

If respondents answered Yes, there was no ability to provide further information and they were moved to the next question.

Within each key theme category, there is a theme called *other*, this is a catchall for all related themes that have fewer than four responses. The final category of *other* that is not a sub-set of the key themes captures all other data that falls outside of the key themes identified.

Key theme 1: Access to the library for all people

Themes	Count by theme	Percent of responses
Access to the library for all people	372	86%
7th floor	65	15%
Elevator	64	15%
Ground floor access	44	10%
Elderly access at proposed	43	10%
Disability access at proposed	34	8%
General accessibility at proposed	26	6%
Parents with kids/prams access at proposed	25	6%
Emergency evacuation	19	4%
Equitable access	16	4%
Book return chute at proposed	10	2%
Parents with kids/prams access at existing	5	1%
Sharing lifts with others	5	1%
Other	16	4%

The themes relating to this category centred around how people would access the Hunter building. The concerns with the highest number of mentions are having to take the elevator to the seventh floor. People were concerned with matters such as the elevator breaking down and people becoming stranded in the library or intermediate floors and having to use the stairs to exit or gain access to the proposed library.

Another concern was becoming stuck in the elevator during a breakdown or power outage. Access for older people, people with disability, and parents with prams and small children were also of high concern, again people were concerned about issues regarding the functionality of the elevator and ingress and egress from the building.

A practical concern was the availability of a book return chute at street level, people did not want to travel to the seventh floor to return resources. Some people expressed their belief that the current library site had potentially better access as it was located on street level and close to car parking and bus stops.

Some responses to this theme are:

"I am confused about this move. Upstairs is not good for people with mobility issues. The lift is also intimidating for those with issues about confined spaces. And why are you now calling it the Hunter building? I thought the proposal was to move to the Holiday Inn!"

"With AI technology upon us within 2 years and Audio books libraries will be shrinking but are needed for programs for the children, elderly and disabled who need ground level entry and parking not unreliable lifts, unattended insecure an unsafe car parking. High accident prone intersection and multi businesses would cause chaos in an emergency. Leave it where it is please."

"The library must be on the ground floor! Today at the Plaza library the lift was out of order and several patrons couldn't attend the library as they could not use the stairs. It is ludicrous to consider a library on the 7th floor of a building with only a lift for access."

"Great that there is finally a new library proposal for Werribee. It would be preferable if the library was more accessible to the public. The logic of having a library on the 7th floor of a building creating barriers for parents, the elderly and people with a disability to access is unclear- perhaps this needs to be better communicated? Could also be very challenging for people to get in and out of the building at peak times/when large events are on?"

Key theme 2: Building and surrounds

Themes	Count by theme	Per cent of responses
The building and surrounds	248	57%
Visibility of proposed location	45	10%
Busy intersection	29	7%
Safety at proposed	18	4%
Inconvenient location for quick transactions	16	4%
Inappropriate building	14	3%
Busy roads at proposed	10	2%
Emergency evacuation	9	2%
Inappropriate location	9	2%
Busy area at proposed	8	2%
Cost of proposed	8	2%
Waste of rate-payers money	6	2%
Inconvenient location of proposed	5	1%
Undesirable residents at proposed	5	1%
Views unnecessary	5	1%
Would avoid proposed	5	1%
<i>Other</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>11%</i>

The themes relating to this category were mainly related to the visibility of the proposed location. The main concern was to do with people not knowing the library was there due to lack of signage and wayfinding. Safety of the surrounding roads and intersection were high priorities with people mentioning that this location was the busiest in the Werribee CBD.

There were responses around the appropriateness of the building with regards to having the library away from street level and the activities involved in the case of an emergency evacuation. Again, concern was raised about the procedures of getting people with mobility issues and parent with prams down seven flights of stairs in a practical and safe manner.

People were also concerned of having the library co-located with other businesses, especially the hotel. They felt a library needs to be in a stand-alone building and proposed extending the current space by taking over the gallery and restaurant or using the theatre in Station Square. Cost of living and the cost of relocating the library were issues of importance to some and they were unsure why the library could or should be relocated. Even though the views were stated as a benefit of the Hunter Building, many people felt they would be a distraction and unnecessary for a library.

Some responses to this theme are:

"I believe it will be a case of out of sight out of mind. I don't think that being on the 7th floor of a building is very accessible to the community."

"Out of sight, out of mind. It's a good idea in theory, but visitor numbers will drop because it will effectively be hidden. What other community libraries are on the 7th floor of a building? Needs to be ground floor in a prominent location. Open a second CBD library maybe, but don't relocate."

"It is on the busiest intersection in Werribee. We don't need libraries for views. We love going to the Werribee Library, we are all grandmother. The staff do a marvelous job in catering for the Wyndham residents."

"I don't think it's a great location. It's out of the way from the rest of the city centre. I enjoy taking my kids to the library and then to get a babyccino or ice cream, or go to Wyndham Park. If the library was in the Hunter building it would be a dedicated trip just to the library"

and we would probably go less often. Getting kids and prams up and down the lifts could also be tricky."

Key theme 3: Current location preference

Themes	Count by theme	Per cent of responses
Current location	214	49%
Prefer existing location	52	12%
Access to ancillary services at existing	31	7%
Opposed to relocation	19	4%
Community hub	6	1%
Prefer smaller library	6	1%
Accessibility of existing	5	1%
Expand existing space	5	1%
Other	90	21%

Many of the respondents have a deep affection to current library location based on the history of the location and sentimental feelings of being long-term visitors. Many respondents said they preferred the current location without eliciting any further rationale, however access to other services and businesses was the main one.

People enjoyed visiting the library and going for lunch and coffee with friends before or after visiting, doing grocery shopping, or visiting government services. They felt accessing the library was simple and straightforward as there is car parking situated locally and included access for disabled parking and groups (vans and mini-buses). People felt that if expansion was required, then space could be taken over from the gallery (or moving the gallery to the Hunter Building entirely), foyer and restaurant that is currently not operating as a business. Whereas other preferred the smaller space of the current library and did not want anything to change.

Some responses to this theme are:

"It suits me where it currently is located. The library never seems too busy when I visit. No problem parking. If more space is needed, why not use the front area as I never see anyone in the art gallery (used to be the old cafe)."

"The location is perfect at its current location! This is the 'hub' area, central to the local coffee, park, post office and a general meeting place. Why change a good thing? I like the friendliness of this size area. I will be extremely disappointed with the change."

"It's in a perfect location currently, easily accessible for the public and all abilities. It's frustrating that you feel the need to move it to a building without a community feel, hard to get to with parking and hard to exit. It is currently close to other facilities like the Wyndham cultural centre and has a community feel. Such works and this move are a waste of tax payer dollars. Please don't do this. The fact that it's upstairs at Pacific Werribee is a reason I dislike that library."

"Part of the attraction of the Werribee Library is that it is small and quiet compared to other branches. It maintains a cozy, tranquil atmosphere compared to most other newer branches which are often too bright and too noisy. Some people might choose the Werribee branch for its location, but its current size and design are also more attractive to people who face social and environmental challenges."

"I like the ambience of the current location and the other local art & theatre things on display at the Cultural Centre. Couldn't they take over the Art Space which is where Raffies used to be? Highlight local art in the library? I suppose parking at Holiday Inn good but might be insufficient for library users."

Key theme 4: Car parking

Themes	Count by theme	Per cent of responses
Car Parking	101	23%
Car parking at existing good	22	5%
Car park access at proposed	14	3%
Car parking at proposed	12	3%
Difficult Multilevel car park	8	2%
Car park time limit at proposed	6	1%
Car park availability at proposed	5	1%
Multi-storey carpark access	5	1%
Multi-storey carpark intimidating	5	1%
Other	24	6%

Car parking was a significant concern for many respondents. People stated that parking at the current library was good as it was free and had had convenient access to the building. Concerns for the Hunter building included accessing car parking, specifically having to use the multi-storey car park. Many of the elderly respondents felt this car park was difficult to access from the street, was a difficult complex to navigate and that the parks themselves were not easy to park into.

Others were concerned that the car parking at street level was insufficient and that the three-hour limit was not long enough and they would be fined for overstaying. Safety was a factor for others who commented that it was a dangerous place for children especially when loading and unloading vehicles with toddlers and infants.

Some responses to this theme are:

"The car park for the Holiday Inn is already at capacity. The library typically has 100 patrons (eg 4PM on Weekday) on which probably 25% come by car. There is no overflow space for the car park at the holiday inn. Where the is overflow at the current site."

"As a parent it's a pain going to the holiday in car park. The car park is dangerous for small children, also inconvenient being so high up (level 7) with children too. If I wanted to go to a place for a view it wouldn't be a library. And if I wanted to go to a larger library I would go to the plaza. The little Werribee local is great, and not overwhelming for my children. Easy to park or walk to. Easy to get too. It's stressfree."

"Hard to get a SAFE park not underneath a building with no security that houses a lot of homeless people. Also it's not easy to walk into and I am sure disabled clients will not attend. Most libraries are easy access from walking past. And it should be in central Werribee but I am not sure what land the council owns. Or put it up on Kelly's park area. I would avoid the library all together if it's in the holiday inn."

"While there is plenty of parking, it is more difficult to drive and park large vehicles such as vans. We provide transport to people that use wheelchairs, so the current parking space next to the library is easy to navigate and there is often a disability parking space available. Further, there may be some concern for large groups of individuals with disabilities (ie school groups, support programs) having to use the elevators safely, and may not be enough room for more than 1 wheelchair at a time."

Other

There were 90 responses that fall into this category. This category is a catchall for other themes that didn't fit into the above and had low responses. Issues included responses such as the idea was bad/stupid/terrible, that Council was not serious about the engagement process and had already made their decisions, or other unrelated aspects of the current engagement (such as venting that Council is being wasteful, incompetent etc).

Some responses to this theme are:

"it appears as though you are pushing an agenda looking at the video and the way the questions are asked, is it going to follow through on community consultation as per what the community wants? I haven't seen this advertised anywhere? Have you consulted or done flyer drops in the Werribee area? My neighbours didn't know about this."

"Whilst the benefits put forward are great, the drawbacks have not been put forward. A library on the 7th level is highly inaccessible, no matter how many lifts. The same applies to a library over several levels."

"The Library is a vibrant part of the community and needs to be a centrally located and visible presence for the community it serves. Hiding the library away on the 7th floor of some soulless corporate hotel is pathetic and illustrates that the Wyndham City Council does not value the library or understand what it means to its community. How will the community know where it is if it's in some hotel's building? Expanding the size of the Werribee Library is critical and a positive move, but you need to find a better location."

"At this inflation period, we dont need to expand the library. We have enough libraries around Werribee and Wyndham. We need to channel the money for upgrade - channel it to fix the roads and reduce the rate payments to assist the people who are really struggling with high cost of living."

"The Werribee Library is in a great location, has easy access, good parking - great for old and young. You are a public service with a government owned building. Why would you want to rent an inconvenient site - to rent out yours and make money?? You're better all round that the Hoppers library at the Plaza - don't ruin it now."

Question 3 – What do you like the most about the proposed space?

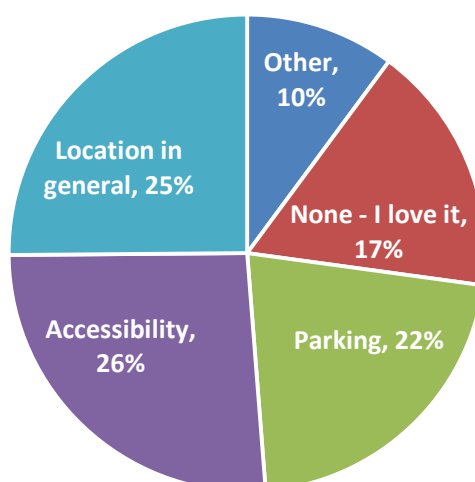
It's bigger	The views	Multi-use community rooms	The location – easy to get to	3 hours free onsite parking	Increases space from 60 – 200 people	Other (see below)
24.44% (363)	14.28% (212)	15.08% (224)	13.80% (205)	13.54% (201)	18.86% (280)	12.18% (206)

Other responses:

In total there were 206 responses to the '**other**' option in this question. The majority of responses were nothing / I don't know (106). Themes of being modern (3), more resources (2) and quieter (2) were provided. Access to public transport (1) was also raised. Negative sentiment responses for these responses included the location inappropriate (10) and too big (2).

Question 4 – What are some concerns you have about the move?

None – I love it	Parking	Accessibility	Location in general	Other (see below)
18.94% (193)	24.04% (245)	29.05% (296)	27.97% (285)	10.14% (115)



Other responses:

In total there were 115 responses to this question. The most common concern was the potential expense of renting the new space (13) and visibility (11). People were also concerned with location at a busy intersection (7), lifts (8) and co-location with a hotel (4). Concerns with closure of the current space (3) were also mentioned. Safety (7) was raised with regard to the library being co-located with other business and having to use a common car park and elevator.

Some responses to this question for people who answered Yes:

"This plan would bring the Werribee Library up to the standard of others in the city of Wyndham"

"More modern library compared to many others in Victoria"

"Frees up the current space to focus on arts and culture"

"The new location helps forge an educational hub as the Wyndham Community & Education Centre is also next-door, at 20 Synnot Street, Werribee, VIC 3030. It is to certain extent visionary to help make the city more education centre of Victoria too. This spot will also cater visitors who stay at Holliday Inn to be more curious about daily life and knowledge acquisition. Hence, drop in the library to read newspapers and research as an integral part of their stay and journey into Werribee area."

"Hopefully greater number of resources - especially in the international/multicultural language section."

Question 5 – Is there anything else you would like to comment on / add?

In total there were 316 responses to this optional open-ended question. 155 responses were positive and themed around liking the idea of having more space and believing it was a good idea. Those not supportive (161) responses include not wanting to change from how things currently are and thought the building and location unsuitable for a library. Other sub-themes in responses to this question:

- Why is the change needed (45)
- Don't want to change (41)
- Inappropriate location (41)
- More space (24)
- Expense (12)
- Good idea (10)
- Car park availability (7)
- Elevator (7)
- Parking access and availability (6)
- More computers (5)
- Traffic congestion at proposed location (5)
- Poor visibility if moved to the 7th floor (5)

Some responses to this question for people who answered Yes:

"I think the only concern is being on the 7th floor - which means people reliant on the lift. A ground floor location is more easily accessible. Ground floor is also more inviting to passers by. Location is better for proximity to public transport and also easier for high school students."

"I am in favour provided the space is fully accessible to the community and parking remains free. It appears that the current proposal addresses these concerns so I think it would be wonderful."

"The car park is already full from 8am until 5pm Mon-Fri, as is surrounding street parking. A nearby car park would need to be made multi-level to help address this."

"This would be such a bold move for Wyndham to prioritise education and wellbeing of its inhabitants. Bravo!"

Some responses to this question for people who answered No:

"Do we need to move? How much capacity used is the current library at any point in time? I rarely see it even at 50% utilisation capacity. Would be lovely if we will be provided that data alongside this survey."

"I would like a convenient drop off, so that you don't have to ride up the elevator just to drop off books"

"Where the library is located now (Watton St) is fantastic it's accessible for all of the community and at street level for all accessible needs. I would consider expanding the library space where its located presently (Watton St) it meets all accessibility needs."

"I will be so disappointed if the library is moved. I enjoy the location, walking to the cafes located close by or sitting in the area outside. Checking the box office to see what's on after a library visit"

"As a member of over 40 years, I've seen so many moves and changes. So hopefully my fear will be taken into consideration. I gather with the growth of Wyndham it is needed. Our library can be a lifeline for many young and old"

Responses to key themes by selected measures

The following tables are taken from the long-form survey as it contained: age, gender, and visitation frequency measure. The intent of the following section is to provide insight into how various users responded to the survey and the issues that were most important to them.

Responses to themes by age group

The following table presents how different age groups provided specific responses under the designated themes. The key points are:

- People aged **45-49 years** found **access** to be the most important issue to them. This was followed by the **30-34** and **70-74** year old age groups.
- People aged **40-44 years** found the **building and surrounds** the most important issue, followed by the **30-34** and **60-64** year old age groups.
- People aged **40-44** and **70-74** year age groups found the **current location preference** the most important issue, followed by the 25-29 and 60-64 year old age groups.
- People aged **35-39** years found **car parking** the most important issue, followed by the **25-29** and **30-34** year old age groups.
- Overall, people aged **40-44** year raised the most concerns followed by **30-34** and **70-74** year age groups.

	Access	Building & surrounds	Current location preference	Car parking	Row total
Under 9	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
10-14	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
15-19	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
20-24	1.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	1.7%
25-29	2.1%	1.3%	2.6%	1.6%	7.5%
30-34	4.4%	3.6%	1.6%	1.3%	10.9%
35-39	1.9%	2.3%	1.3%	1.8%	7.3%
40-44	3.7%	4.7%	3.6%	1.3%	13.3%
45-49	5.6%	1.8%	1.6%	0.0%	8.9%
50-54	3.7%	0.8%	1.3%	0.8%	6.6%
55-59	3.0%	1.3%	0.8%	1.0%	6.1%
60-64	3.7%	1.3%	2.1%	0.3%	7.3%
65-69	5.1%	3.1%	1.3%	0.3%	9.8%
70-74	4.2%	1.3%	3.6%	1.0%	10.1%
75-79	3.0%	0.8%	1.6%	0.8%	6.1%
80-84	0.7%	0.8%	0.5%	1.3%	3.3%
85 and over	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.8%
Column Total	42.6%	23.5%	22.0%	11.9%	100.0%

Responses to themes by gender

The results in the following table are skewed as there were many more females (69%) compared to males (27%) who provided a response to the long-form survey. Whereas females had a wide range of concerns with access being the most important, for males keeping the library in the current location was the most important.

	Access	Building & surrounds	Current location preference	Car parking	Row total
Female	38.3%	18.9%	19.7%	11.1%	87.9%
Male	0.0%	0.0%	6.5%	1.1%	7.5%
Prefer not to say	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%	0.3%	3.0%
I identify as	1.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%
Column Total	39.6%	19.1%	28.9%	12.4%	100.0%

Responses to themes by library visitation frequency

The results in the following table are skewed toward responses from visitors who attended once or more time per week. The most pressing concern for this group was access. Keeping the library in the current location was important to all respondents.

	Access	Building & surrounds	Current location preference	Car parking	Row total
Once a week or more	30.6%	13.6%	19.9%	7.4%	71.5%
Couple of times a month	0.0%	0.0%	11.5%	5.6%	17.1%
Once a month or less	0.0%	0.0%	6.2%	2.8%	9.0%
Never	1.6%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	2.4%
Column Total	30.6%	13.6%	19.9%	7.4%	71.5%

Appendix 1: Survey and quick poll questions

Please note paper and online surveys were identical.

How often do you currently visit the Werribee Library? Required

Select one answer only
☐ Once a week or more
☐ Couple of times a month
☐ Once a month or less
☐ Never

Do you support the move to the Hunter Werribee Building? Required

Select one answer only
☐ Yes. I think it's a great idea
☐ No. I don't think it's a great idea

Please expand on your response above (only if answer was NO above) Required

What do you like the most about the proposed space? Required

Select all that apply

Select all that apply
☐ It's bigger
☐ The views
☐ Multi use community rooms
☐ The location - easy to get to
☐ 3 hours free onsite parking
☐ Increases space from 60 to 200 people
☐ Other

What are some concerns you have about the move? Required

Select all that apply

Select all that apply
☐ None - I love it
☐ Parking
☐ Accessibility
☐ Location in general
☐ Other

Is there anything else you would like to comment on / add?

A bit about you

Tell us a little bit about yourself so we know who we've heard from. Your information is safe and won't be used for anything outside of this project.

Email address Required

Your email address will not be made public and will be kept according to our privacy policy. It will only be used to keep you up to date on this project.

Age Group Required

Select one answer only		
☐ Under 9	☐ 35-39	☐ 65-69
☐ 10-14	☐ 40-44	☐ 70-74
☐ 15-19	☐ 45-49	☐ 75-79
☐ 20-24	☐ 50-54	☐ 80-84
☐ 25-29	☐ 55-59	☐ 85 and over
☐ 30-34	☐ 60-64	

Gender Required

Select one answer only
☐ Female
☐ Male
☐ Prefer not to say
☐ I identify as

Suburb Required

Select one answer only		
☐ Cocoroc	☐ Mambourin	☐ Werribee
☐ Eynesbury	☐ Manor Lakes	☐ Werribee South
☐ Hoppers Crossing	☐ Mount Cottrell	☐ Williams Landing
☐ Laverton	☐ Point Cook	☐ Wyndham Vale
☐ Laverton North	☐ Tarneit	☐ Quandong
☐ Little River	☐ Truganina	☐ Other

Please select any of the following that describe you (choose all that apply)

Select all that apply
☐ A person living with disability and/or someone caring for a person living with disability
☐ An Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
☐ A person who identifies as LGBTIQ+
☐ Prefer not to say
☐ None of the above
☐ I speak a language other than English at home (tell us which language you speak)

Quick Poll questions

Do you support the library relocation?

Select one answer only

☐ Yes - I think it's a great idea

☐ No - I don't think it is a great idea

Thank you. Be sure to follow the project to stay up to date as it progresses

Thanks for your response, do you care to expand? (only if answer was NO above)

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Appendix 2: Social media comments

These comments were received under the social media posts to promote the engagement and encourage community to participate via The Loop. Comments received on social media promotional posts are not included in engagement data.

Facebook comments
Leave it where it is. If you want more space take over the waste of space that used to be a café
No
No way leave it where it is
Not on the top floor, definitely a NO... Kelly Park would be a better option, rebuild/fix what's been sitting idle for a few years, 2 storeys high, would do it.
Kelly Park would be a better location if rebuilt as a purpose built library and community centre like Point Cook, Tarneit, Manor Lakes and Dianella Centres. Give the Werribee residents what we have been sadly lacking. 7th floor in Hunter Building does not suit an ageing population. Central Werribee is the oldest area with ageing demographics! 7th floor and accessibility is a big problem.
The question is, is there actually a demand? Every time I have been in there there is a abundance of room. For lots more people. Not justified if you ask me, how about finally fixing cobbledicks Ford once and for all??!! It's costing the community lots of money for the lack of rectification. How about working out ways to cut some costs for the residents whom live in the area such as building permits that are absolutely ridiculous in price!!!! It's about time our council stops looking at updating higher budgets and ready thinking about stuff. For example, I worked in a business that the council used and every year they would ask if us employees would want anything for free, is all we needed to do was put it on the account to boost it up so they can continue to get the funds for next year and I'm sure keeping there jobs was part of this!!!! I will be very surprised if this actually gets published on social media!!!!
No leave where it is. So convenient and use the Raffael empty space. Who wants to be on the 7th floor? How do you know you would have more visitors?
I agree the Raffael space could be better used. Also the foyer next door could be better utilised. Just empty space most of the time, make it multi use! Library is in a good central position as it is.
I've never seen people lining up to get in and I use the library a lot so leave well enough alone .I reckon they just want to fill up the hotel

Facebook comments

Leave it where it is .Getting out of Holiday car park is not easy to merge into Synott st. Why not use the previous Raffael location,that is a waste of space at the moment anyway

I thought the same thing. It could easily be converted into a meeting space with areas that could be divided as needed.

and the toilets and baby change room is there

The current site at least has some parking especially if you are there early. There is no parking in the proposed area. The multi storey parking is often full and is not an area that would be safe for parents with more than one child.

We definitely need a bigger space but not on the 7th floor of a building. If an emergency was to occur (& lifts not able to be used), how would people with mobility issues or mums with prams evacuate safely? Please continue looking for a more suitable location.

do those people never enter multilevel buildings 🙄

Kelly Park rebuilt as a Library and Community Centre!

oooooh a bigger space

Appendix 3: Deidentified raw data

The following data has been extracted from the online survey and online poll. There were 4 questions that allowed for free text (qualitative) data. This data is provided in the following tables:

- Table 1: When contributors answered no to do you support the move, they were prompted to provide further information. The following table is all the comments / free text that was received from all responses.
- Table 2: “Other” comments that were left under the question “What do you like the most about the proposed space”
- Table 3: “Other” comments that were left under the question “What are some concerns you have about the proposed space”
- Table 4: Comments left in the “Is there anything else you’d like to comment on or add” question.

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- I don't think you'll get as many incidental visits. - Returning books out of hours. How will this occur? - The car park is often full at the Holiday Inn car park. There is more parking around the current library location when I go. - I am concerned with it being on the 7th floor in the case of an emergency especially with so many children (I attend rhyme time).
- Less accessibility - Hard to get to - In a high traffic area - Harder to access, dangerous for kids crossing - This library has been a huge part of my childhood and teens. I love it here. - Will be difficult for low income people/families to access - Going to the Holiday Inn may be intimidating - Parking will be difficult/more traffic
- Those who are elderly, physically encumbered would struggle to get to the library at it's proposed new location. - If there is a fire, getting such patrons down fire escapes to safety would be a catastrophic and dangerous exercise. - Our library would be put next to drug/alcohol rehab facilities which may dissuade many families, school children and elderly from engaging in library activities. - A very busy intersection with limited free parking
1. I think it is ridiculous to have a library on the seventh floor of a building. I don't know how this can possibly pass health and safety laws. 2. I would not trust the elevators for access. 3. There's nowhere to park if I need to do a quick drop off. Quick access is impossible. 4. It's embarrassing to be a rate payer to a council which comes up with ideas like this.
3 hours of parking is not enough!
7th floor is not a place for a public library.
7th floor is not safe or practical in the event of a power cut or emergency - how would patrons with mobility issues/prams etc safely leave when lifts cannot be used?
7th floor seems a bit off putting for older people even if there are lifts
A difficult place to access for elderly who are unlikely to use the multilevel carpark. Alternative is then to go by bus and for an elderly person coming from the bus stop down and up underpass and walking to Hunter building is very arduous. Many older people are also unhappy about Hunter building being built given its height and dwarfing and overshadowing of the Church.
A location in a multi story building will be lost to the community. A ground level location is more accessible and visible as a part of the community facilities. There is enough trouble with accessing the location at the plaza and the lingering youth making older community members feel intimidated using the lift and foyer.
A very bad idea to have the library not accessible on a ground floor. This will reduce visibility for community to know there is a library. It is not collocated with other community facilities and the suggested space has low ceilings and is not suited to a public library space which should be an inspiring civic building. The library should be a central hub of the community, not hidden away in the 7th floor of a building. Terrible idea Wyndham Council.
A woman who does not want the library to relocate.

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Absolutely not necessary. Current location is the right one with ease of access, in ground floor and close to the parks.

Did Wyndham council conducted the steady of library users at peak time, programs conducted etc., necessity to move this space to one in a commercial building, feasibility study etc. before even putting in another unwanted spend ?

Access to the Library will be severely limited for many members of the community. Parking close by will be a thing of the past for many of the new parents who frequent the children's programs. And the extra hazard of being right next to a very busy intersection with small children will turn many away. Where will we return items outside of business hours? Just stopping to quickly drop off returns will now be impossible because of the need to find a parking spot, travel in an elevator up 7 floors and then enter the library space.

The only plus for this location is the square metreage.

If the current library space could be renovated to expand into the 'Maker Space' this would be a much better solution as it is highly visible and easily located. Even moving into some portion of the foyer of the Cultural Centre would be a sensible option.

This is a ill conceived plan and will not benefit the community in any practical way. It will only serve to alienate those people who already use the library space and confuse others.

Although the Werribee library is in desperate need of a bigger location, and has been for a very long time, I don't think that the answer is to place it on the seventh floor of a building that also houses a hotel and restaurants. I am concerned about many things, including public visibility (if people can't see it on the ground floor, people won't know it's there); accessibility (with the quickest access being via lift, this is impractical for things like Rhyme Time, where dozens of parents with prams are all trying to arrive at the same time. And in case of emergency, how will we get up to 200 people safely down seven flights of stairs?); safety (a library is a place where children and toddlers come to play, and I don't think having several seven-storey balconies in the library is a very good idea) and practicality (it doesn't make sense to me for a library to share a building with a hotel - the two services do not mix). When I use the library, most of the time all I want to do is a quick drop off or pick up of my items. If the library is on the seventh floor, I won't be able to do this - I probably wouldn't even bother coming to the Werribee library any more if I had to spend ten minutes doing something that should only take me a few seconds. I really hope the council does not go ahead with this proposal.

As a parent it's a pain going to the holiday in car park. The car park is dangerous for small children, also inconvenient being so high up (level 7) with children too. If I wanted to go to a place for a view it wouldn't be a library. And if I wanted to go to a larger library I would go to the plaza. The little Werribee local is great, and not overwhelming for my children.

Easy to park or walk to. Easy to get too. It's stressfree.

I would avoid the library all together if it's in the holiday inn.

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As a user, I see issues with access to this building for people who I see actually use the library when I visit

Access will be a problem for:

- People with disability (whether they have wheelchairs or not)
- The Elderly
- Families with very young children

Getting to the library at Werribee Plaza one floor up is bad enough, now you guys come up with this idea?! I stopped going to the Plaza one for this reason.

It is totally impractical. Do I have to go to the 7th floor to return my books when i can quickly pull up and return them in Wedge ST? Crazy in my books.

Why would you push the library out of reach from the very people who use it?! I don't go to a library to look out the windows at the view.

Ground floor somewhere with lots of parking would be better. This is an example where the council are out of touch with the people of Wyndham.

As good as this option is, libraries are part of the community and should not be hidden away. As a new resident of Wyndham 2 and half years ago, I didn't know that Werribee Library was at the Cultural Centre until mid last year. It is hidden away there, with the focus being on the Cultural Centre. It will be even more hidden away in the Quest building,

My other concern is that Children and Families need to feel comfortable attending the library. It is a family centre. Will the people staying at the Quest want families with children of all ages using the lifts with them? Are young people using the library facilities safe as they use the lifts with members of the public in the event (even though unlikely) of lifts stopping in transit? Will people with other abilities, feel safe and confident needing to go up multiple levels to a facility that is currently on "ground level" and easily accessible. I think this is a very problematic concept and I hope it is not followed through with.

As long term Werribee library members we do not believe this is the best location.

1. Busy corner for children and elderly
2. Lifts..too small for large groups, and fire evacuation, of serious concern, w/chair and prams trapped waiting for their turn to get a lift/ which you can't use in fire.
3. Not convenient to just walk in, as in present location.
4. Isolation from community..7 floors up.

At this inflation period, we dont need to expand the library. We have enough libraries around Werribee and wyndham.

We need to channel the money for upgrade - channel it to fix the roads and reduce the rate payments to assist the people who are really struggling with high cost of living.

Awful - to go up lifts.

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Awful idea. I have a medical condition (claustrophobia) so will never be able to use the library (my local) again.
Bad move
Being on the 7th Floor is not the most accessible for elderly. Out of sight out of mind it will not be used. A lot of drivers do not like using multi level parking spaces., especially elderly and disabled drivers. Wyndham should build a purpose built building preferably on the ground floor which parking available.
Best position should not be moved! Leave library where it is.
Busy road, not safe for kids, not easily accessible for older people, will lose community feel, will feel more like a high tide office
Cnr Synott St & Duncan's road will become congested with cars. There is already enough cars on those roads Library should be on a ground floor easy for all people to access, especially wheelchairs etc.
CONS 1. It creates congestion to parking- both from public, hotel guests and library users 2. Only 3 hours free is allocated for any library users
Cost and access with young children.
Council is not supporting education and literacy in Werribee if the library is being hidden. Libraries are literacy and education and Art gallery is culture two important factors for a well rounded Community.
No amount of marketing or advertising will give a 7th floor library visibility.
Council is only interested in 'woke' group and Cafe swilling people. Access to seniors who have some mobility issues are disregarded in all aspects I'm fed up with money spent on "art" represented by minority groups!
Council mentions 4 times the number of people in this space upto 200+ people and the biggest library. Well kids activities weekly can have 140 + attending all at once several times a week every week. This is one activity but the library has many. What about author talks 80+ attending.
Please be honest Council this is an office environment not a location that has a small foyer, 2 lifts where 1 known to break down on the busiest location in Werribee to locate a public library.
Crap idea - no one will see it
Current library offers access to box office for theatre events. I stop in to see what is offered when I attend the library. Smaller venue is more intimate and better access to assistance.
Current location close to cafes and post office. Great set up already. No sense in moving.
Current location is great.
Many social issues in the new building, with a person taking there life at the site.
Current location is more accessible and close to two big parking lots with unlimited free parking. Current building is more accessible. Returning books is very convenient right now, you don't need to take lifts to just return books. Though I'm not sure if these feedbacks really make any difference to what council is going to do anyway.
Current location is near park and good for kids.
Current location is perfect.
Current space seems more than ample, easy to access and convenient location with large amounts of car parking surrounding. It's connection to the arts centre is a positive and a relocation seems like a poor use of tax payers dollars when there are many additional projects that could be invested in
Currently easily accessible where it is. Leave it there. The placement of the plaza library has been a mistake as it is harder to access.
Definetly not. A modern facility will take away the history and beauty of the original library. It's in a perfect spot next door to the Wyndham outran centre with easy access. Also the area near the Hunter Building is very busy, very difficult to get a park, requires lift access - all of this may deter patrons from visiting.
Despite what you say, Parking is not easy in that car park. There is too much space for junk activities instead of a better book collection.
Didn't like the proposal to move.
Difficult access. Lack of parking. Dont want to use lifts and dont want to share the lifts with people.
Difficult for people with disabilities and no parking
Difficult to access Hard to navigate multilevel car park with young children Poor visibility (not street level) Where will 24/7 returns chute go?
Difficulty for elderly disabled - don't want to be next to offices that support drug/alcohol abuse people.
Dimishes the overall community and township feel of a library. A town library that needs a lift access to a high floor sterilises the charm and warmth of a library. Imagine how children can imagine and reimagine their time at the library that would be spent in a high rise hotel building.
Access to this building means passing through Synott St which is a busy street with plenty of high speed oncoming vehicles. Synott St is prone to vehicular crashes and speeding. I'd avoid encouraging more pedestrians walking to access this location through a busy main road. Library locations should be best accessed by most pedestrians. This isnt the best location.
Do a proper risk assessment

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Do not like proposed move.
Do not move the library.
Don't like having to go up to the hunter building 7th floor
Don't like it.
Due to claustrophobia am not able to use lifts.
Dumbest idea ever! Too far to go to return my books after hours
Ease of access at current location. City of Wyndham already pays \$1.2m to occupy two floors at the Holiday Inn and not use. I understand the desire to use this space for the library, but it will make the library invisible in Werribee. It's not the resident's fault that Council agreed to a ridiculous one-sided deal with Pelligra and the residents should not have to suffer for Council mistakes.
Elderly & young mothers with children are the biggest users. They don't like idea of more than one floor to go Library. Its too daunting.
Elderly will find it hard to manage the multi storey car park. For elderly they would have to walk from the bus in coop street down the ramp and up the ramp then walk to the hunter centre.
Evacuation Kids in elevator Not visible Intersection too busy
Evacuation difficulty - Fire hazard
Everyone needs a library
Expand existing into Rapheallas
First of all, majority of library visitors are mothers with lots of small children and elderly people. These are the most vulnerable people in our society. Imagine, in case of emergency, how long and convenient would it be to evacuate a crowd from level 7 using the stairs down to the ground floor and then outside? Imagine a mum with 3 children with a pram, how will she evacuate? How will disabled evacuate without a lift? Nevertheless, the Holiday Inn is a hotel and office building, with lots of people using electrical appliances like kettles, toasters, etc. within the premises. So the risk of evacuation is quite high. So I would suggest you to pick a place on the 2nd floor. Or the best option is to stay in the current Library building and expand it to the whole floor and move the art center to another place. The art center does not have that much visitors as a library does. I'm sure when you expand the floor there will be much more visitors, because I myself commute to Manor Lakes library, even though I live in Werribee, because it is spacious and is a community center, so there are cafes, immunizations, and lot of events to attend within one building, which is especially convenient for mums with lots of children like me and elderly people, which are your TARGET AUDIENCE. If you move to the 7th floor of the Holiday Inn, it means you are putting the most vulnerable people in our society at risk.
For me it wouldn't matter however the visibility could be hard for new people
Fund and support current site. Parking and access for elderly and mums with prams is great. Do not change the current site, it works!
Further away from unlimited free parking which is necessary when studying.
Great that there is finally a new library proposal for Werribee. It would be preferable if the library was more accessible to the public. The logic of having a library on the 7th floor of a building creating barriers for parents, the elderly and people with a disability to access is unclear- perhaps this needs to be better communicated? Could also be very challenging for people to get in and out of the building at peak times/when large events are on?
Happy with existing position.
Happy with the present location.
Hard to get a SAFE park not underneath a buildin with no security that houses a lot of homeless people. Also it's not easy to walk into and I am sure disabled clients will not attend. Most libraries are easy access from walking past. Abd it should be in central Werribee but I am not sure what land the council owns. Or put it up on Kelly's park area.
Hate the idea.
Having the library in this location will cause it to feel removed from the community and will require effort for people to find it and discover it in the first place if they are a new resident. There are also perceived safety issues for people to get out of there in a emergency as it is 7 floors up, especially for people with a disability.
hidden away in the 7th floor of an ugly commercial building is a bad idea. it's already in a good spot, accessable and near other amenities.
I am a regular Library user as I attend to read the paper daily, I mostly walk to the library from Tower road weather permitting. On the occasion I drive I will normally park in all day free parking next door to the Bridge hotel, I park there because I am often at the Library from anywhere from 2 to 4hrs. Although the suggest location is closer to my home. This is not suitable for me on a number of reasons. Free parking for only 3hrs. I can't afford to pay for parking if I stay long that 3hrs. A lift to the desired floor is absolutely not a solution for me and I can't not climb stairs in my old age. On that I have an extreme fear of heights so would not be able to be at that level of the building.
I really hope you reconsider the option to move to such location. This is not benefiting your community and the library users. I believe it should stay where it is or find somewhere else that is on the ground floor
I am concerned about having to use a lift. I want to be able to use stairs.
I am confused about this move. Upstairs is not good for people with mobility issues. The lift is also intimidating for those with issues about confined spaces. And why are you now calling it the Hunter building? I thought the proposal was to move to the Holiday Inn!
I am satisfied with the current place.

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I believe it will be a case of out of sight out of mind. I don't think that being on the 7th floor of a building is very accessible to the community.
I believe it's better to have a library connected to ground or first floor walkable and visible with the eye from the street. Connectivity is important for walkable walk in visibility, especially for young children, adolescents and the elderly or disabled. Safety issues for young girls and women using lifts and car parks. Lack of greenery and away from other safe meeting places. Too isolated for me. A library should be in a public space interconnected with frequently used other people places to encourage drop in opportunities.
I believe that it will prove to be difficult to access for prams and wheelchairs etc. Parking can also be an issue as I do use the car park at the Holiday Inn on a regular basis.
I believe the Council are wasting more ratepayers money lining the pockets of private companies. The Werribee Library sits on Council owned property and is very accessible for all community.
I Cannot believe you are wasting 7 million on the cultural centre. I feel very sad that Council want to move the Werribee CBD library, it is located in what was called Centenary Hall and has a wonderful feeling to go to library and look around and remember. You are going to tear down Kelly Park our Seniors have had to move to H/Crossing & W/Vale. The location of the library is very accessible and visible, more likely to call in with children if walking past.
I cannot support the proposed relocation unless someone can tell residents: 1) the estimated cost of moving to the new location; 2) the annual cost of leasing an entire floor of the Hunter building; 3) the annual cost of leasing the current library area in the Cultural Centre.
I consider Wyndham City Council should be more considerate of the community it serves. Libraries are the living rooms of the community. Wyndham should be providing a modern, purpose built library that is in a highly visible location that can be easily accessed at street level. The proposed library location will not be highly visible or easily accessed by the community. It will be lost on the seventh floor of a big office space. I'm very disappointed with this proposal.
I do not like the new location, because, the current location has historical importance. This current location is beautiful, opposite to the library is a water fountain with beautiful painting. The library is just opposite to Werribee river and Wyndham park. I do not like the library in a tall skyscraper, where only to look at walls.
I do not support the move of the library to the Hunter Building.
I do not support the proposed move of the library. The current space on Watton Ave, is the perfect space for younger families and provides accessibility for older the older patrons.
I do not think it is necessary.
I do not think parking would improve unless the library has its own private floors within the carpark. Presently shoppers at the east end of town use the hotels free car parking spaces and it can be difficult to park at times.
I am happy that access is easy at Werribee. In the event of a lift failure I personally could not climb the stairs. I would have grave concern about people who are not so ambulant or in prams/young children. The library could move in to the foyer of the cultural centre and mix art and books. There is room upstairs for meeting rooms in this gallery. This would perhaps encourage non theatregoers to attend the theatre as they are aware of the space. Presently the theatre is very poorly attended, which is such a tragedy. Many people do not even know of its existence.
I think it would be a far better idea to move art exhibitions to the space in the hotel. It could increase attendance at the exhibitions and the hotel as it would be lovely day out coffee/lunch in hotel then art gallery.
I don't think a 7th floor location is the ideal place for it. I don't believe you would get incidental visitors or attract new members there. Libraries are a central point for the community and a ground floor space is perceived as more accessible and welcoming by the community
I don't think it's a great location. It's out of the way from the rest of the city centre. I enjoy taking my kids to the library and then to get a babyccino or ice cream, or go to Wyndham Park. If the library was in the Hunter building it would be a dedicated trip just to the library and we would probably go less often. Getting kids and prams up and down the lifts could also be tricky.
I don't drive so my walk will be much longer.
I don't feel comfortable going up in a lift on my own where offices and people are going. It's not safe
I don't feel safe up there. Lift claustrophobia
I don't like the idea at all. I would like a 'click and collect' of books which would help those less mobile, it 'worked well' during lockdown. In my 30 odd years of attending the CBD library I have never found it to be crowded.
I don't think it is accessible at all and the carpark is small and only accessible from one side of synnot street coming council office you would need to somehow do a u turn to get there.
I don't want it to move.
I feel that the current location of the library is a perfect spot (close to the post office/banks and cultural centre)
I feel that younger residents are catered for above the needs of aged and disabled residents of Wyndham in this instance. How many older persons who currently attend the Werribee library will be confident in driving up and down a multi story- car park? Has a survey been conducted at the Werribee library with the older regular attendees in respect to this type of parking? I have driven into this car park but I am not at ease when parked there due to personal safety, Are there security cameras and are they monitored? I am 82 years of age. Surely there is a ground level building in Central Werribee that would suit the purpose; What about the old picture theatre?
I have an autistic daughter who loves the Werribee library. We use the library's a lot because of the wonderful service, but the Werribee Library most of all because it is small and easy on her sensory needs. Brighter, larger spaces are not as inviting for her and the move will be a challenge. Wyndham is great at considering DDA in design, but the need for sensory friendly lens to be applied to the overall space to really be inclusive would be needed to ensure that kids like mine can continue to access the library.
I have been coming here for over 15 years, great location area,

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I have cost concerns about the rental costs renting the space of the Holiday Inn. What would be going in the place of the library? And could the library not be redeveloped to a multiple story facility.
I have lived in Werribee for 55 years and I now live in Watton Street. I know many of the people who live in this area as I have had 2 shops and now part own a Hairdressing Salon. We are in constant touch with people. The present location is extremely good for the demographics of this area. The parking is excellent, and they can enter from Watton Street or Synott Street. It is on ground level. Our older people have made it clear that they find the parking in the Holiday Inn to tight and the exit onto Synnott Street is very dangerous. This exit of the Hotel is right on a busy intersection with cars and pedestrians. By moving the library to this location, parking will be used by the staff and those who do use the library taking away parking from the Businesspeople in the Centre. My understanding is that Unison Housing is renting out an area for the homeless and this is causing concern for people in and around this area. I have a strong belief that the library must stay in its present location as many people advise it is a one stop place for them to enjoy. The Library, Art Gallery and the area where they can sit and enjoy the ambience on a lovely day. Do not take this away from our people. Last time you thought of closing this Library the people were extremely upset.
I have mixed feelings about the space. I like the current location and sometimes actually choose the Werribee library (as opposed to manor lakes, hoppers crossing, etc) because it is smaller and less overwhelming. However, I do think it would make sense to service more of Wyndham. I don't as much like that it is high up because when transporting kids it can be a bit hard to wrangle them when there's more distance. I do really like (if I read the floor plan correctly) that there would be toilets available in the library, so when my kids have to use the toilet half way through choosing books we don't have to leave the library.
I have never heard of the hunter building - not in Google Maps
I have now spoken to a range of people that use the library and the car park. 90% think that this is a stupid idea. The car park is close to full most days which mean there is very little to NO PARKING close by. I am a regular visitor to Watton St and the reasons the council gives for moving the library are ludicrous, and I am yet to meet one person who catches the train to the library. As with many other decisions the council has made this is at best a stop gap cheap way out with little thought given to future needs of a growing community. Perhaps council would do better to speak with the council that built a sensible, purpose-built library in Drysdale that catered for it's community ans future growth, not the idiotic scheme that future rate payers will have to pay for to fix in the future.
I have reconsidered this proposal and am fundamentally opposed to council selling off or privatising community Assets. We have already lost Kelly Park community centre as community use. Lets use the money needed to secure the new space and revitalise the library. Retain it in the revamped Arts Centre where it forms a community, and brings people together. We already lost a great café which was redone and is a white elephant??? We could use the space for community meetings from the library, or the arts. What happens long term when council decides it can no longer afford to pay for the library in the hotel site. You bought the old theatre in Station Space - why not redo it and create a library there???
I prefer the present location as it takes traffic away from the busy end of Watton and increases use of the other end of the town.
I hope security is exceptionally good in this location as the car parks, hotel next door will give attract undesirables who look for the vulnerable such as the young teenagers and elderly who are in the library and who also travel solo in the lifts. In a ground floor location the vulnerable can exit the building quickly. The 7th floor location could also cause a person in a lift alone could also be forced to exit the lift to the car park by someone controlling the lift button.
This multi car park will also be a hang out location for young people who have access to the car parks as they go up and down the floors to get to the library. They may not know the car parks were there previously.
I just moved here. Just got use to the way things are in this location.
I like that the library is across from my favorite cafe and park. I can currently tie my doggo up outside and pop in to pick up and drop off my books. The new library will pose the same issue I have with the plaza location, where by I cannot walk my dog to the library which is one of the ways I get my dog, toddler and newborn out of the house for a 2km walk on the regular.
I like the ambience of the current location and the other local art & theatre things on display at the Cultural Centre. Couldn't they take over the Art Space which is where Raffies used to be? Highlight local art in the library? I suppose parking at Holiday Inn good but might be insufficient for library users.
I like the current library space and the location. The Werribee Library doesn't have to replicate and be like the other newer branches. The current location is easy for me to get to, has lost of parking, and cafes near by for me to duck out and have a snack and come back again. The current space is cosy, cute, & relaxing. I feel like I'm part of the community when I visit it because of where it is located, so central to Werribee, on the ground floor and visible. It invites people into the space as they walk past the building. I love the Werribee Library as it is. Yes it's a more traditional shared space, but that is ok - it's part of what makes it unique and gives it a different feeling to the other branches which I like.
I like the old location and most of the time i do not have any issues with the parking
I like the space and location on the ground floor of the present location of the library in Watton Street, especially for the elderly. I'm not in favour of using lifts in a high rise building either. Some people have a fear of heights and confined spaces as associated with the new proposed location. I want the library to stay where it is. Do not move it. Thanks.
I like where the library is currently located and I like the existing space. I don't like the idea of the library being locked away in a building on a higher level instead of being smack bang in the middle of the community.
I like where we are.
I love the library in the main street, I think it offers a range of services and there are other libraries that are bigger for the other purposes spoken about. It has a real main street feel, you can walk to do a few things whilst visiting the library that you wouldnt get at the holiday inn.
I prefer it within walking distance, the library deserves growth.
I really don't like anything about the place
I really like it where it is - easy to get a park nearby & I use nearby shops
I support keeping the library where it is.
I think it is a bad idea and will overall lower traffic to the library from students and will likely be harder to access for people of lower income (people who are homeless may be judged on entrance/less likely to enter for things like printing or study).
I think it's not safe for children

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I think the council have lost the plot. They are not thinking once again about the elderly. How inconvenient it will be for them. Hard excess out of the carpark without causing an accident.
I think the current location of the library is very handy for those who come with cars, disability, close to the post office and food area before coming back inside for working on computer or reading. Great place for any age.
I think the current spot is fine. 7th floor isn't accessible. Parking at current location is good. Busy area. Don't like the idea of sharing a building.
I think the intersection on Duncan's Rd and Synott St is far too busy. Accessing the car park from Synott St is a nightmare at the best of times. The current position is much less busy and has easy access on several fronts.
I think the Library should remain or move to a bigger more visible area.
I think the location is wrong for the demographic. I have elderly friends that live there and use the library and the fact that it is in a big building puts them off. Where will the return chute be? will there be easily accessible parking in the area? What will happen if the lifts don;t work? it is on the 7th floor!! I think this will have a huge impact on the attendance to library programs and events too. People will stop using the library.
I think there are a lot of pros, but I can't help thinking about the accessibility cons. This is not great for persons with a disability esp. mobility or even mothers/fathers with prams. Just imagine the lift chaos at baby Rhyme time.
Also visibility is low in this position. You are not getting any walk in traffic, either you know where the library is or you are not going. How does this affect accessibility for more vulnerable members of the community?
I love that there will be community spaces something the current library utterly lack, but is this 7th floor in a hotel building library really welcoming to the community? Do they feel like they can enter this space? If people feel like they have to walk through a nice hotel area, or a sterile office area to get the the community hub, it lacks a welcoming feel.
So I'm not wholly against it, because there are pluses, but whose voice is not being heard in these plans, who will feel - I can't walk into this building? And how long will everyone have to wait at the elevators when 30 parents with prams are trying to get up there?
I think where the library is currently located within the cultural centre complex is more convenient and has more of a community feel about it instead of being stuck up on the 7th floor of a high rise building. Besides being more convenient it also has more visibility to people who are not intending to visit but do so when they notice it as they are walking past. This will not happen if moved to the new location. The current location also has many pedestrians due to cafes and restaurants in the area adding to the likelihood of people calling in. I know I will think twice before visiting the new location. Why are the views at the new location being promoted as such a positive? Not many people go to a library to peer out a window whilst they are there. If anything it is more of a distraction, specially to children. This is just another action that contributes to proof that the Wyndham Council are out of touch with what residents want within their community.
I visit the existing twice a week and it's current location is much for accessible and has greater parking options. All my friends who use this location heartily agree as well.
I will be very sad to see this "family feel" library move to large impersonal space.
I will happily click yes, only if there is a need to move. a) yes, the hotel provides a wider space but I rarely see the current library to be full, even to >50% capacity. b) Will the move attract a rate rise. With the mortgage and high cost of living, the public can not afford a rate rise. Life is already difficult enough to warrant an extra burden.
I would like more information on the cost and data analysis done I don't believe enough people use the current library to warrant it being moved to a larger space so I think this information needs to be provided to ratepayers and residents before a decision is made The 7 million dollar upgrade that is going to be done on the culture centre could be used to not only redevelop the spare but make a bigger space for the current library
I would only go to the library for photocopying and I can get all the technical materials I require from the internet or be bought from Amazon. I have enough unread fiction. I see that a library is useful for poorer people or people starting out. And having it in the seventh floor for car space makes it less inaccessible than currently.
I would rather stay in Watton St. It is a small library but I like the parking and no need to use the lifts. It has everything that I need.
I'd say it depends on what will come in place of the library in the Cultural Center. As you mentioned on the main page, not many people (myself included) know that the building on 22 Synnot Street has anything except Holiday Inn. In my opinion moving library there from the Watton street will reduce significantly people awareness. And library will ultimately be forgotten.
I'm not sure - I hope it will be a better space.
In case of an earthquake, visitors to the Holiday Inn Hotel library would be trapped between lower levels and upper levels. Exiting the Holiday inn hotel library in an earthquake would be extremely difficult. The current Werribee cultural centre library location is much safer to exit if an earthquake strikes.
In my opinion it already caters for patrons. I've never been there and seen more than 20 people in there, and I frequently visit. Also if you relocate it, it would be closed for months as the relocation takes place. It is already close to public transport and has a free car park nearby. Money would be better spent on traffic control as this is Werribees biggest issue especially after 3pm each day.
In Wyndham, while there are accessible spaces and facilities for young children and families, there is a noticeable lack of similar amenities for middle-aged individuals. This gap is adversely affecting our community and society. It is essential to address this issue by developing and providing appropriate facilities for middle-aged residents to ensure a balanced and inclusive community.
Inconvenient and inaccessible for most people, especially prams, families with toddlers, and the elderly. Not at all easier to get to and the underground car park is stressful and more work
Issue with accessibility.
it appears as though you are pushing an agenda looking at the video and the way the questions are asked, is it going to follow through on community consultation as per what the community wants? I haven't seen this advertised anywhere? Have you consulted or done flyer drops in the Werribee area? My neighbours didn't know about this.

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It doesn't seem to be disability friendly. Car park is not easy to negotiate. What happens if there is a power outage? The access to community, study rooms etc appears to be through the collection making it a heavy traffic area.
It is an absolute insult that we do not have a central large library well-connected to public transport, fully equipped and on par with established areas such as the Eastern suburbs. It is appalling that you keep creating these mini-me library facilities. Shame.
It is hard enough to enter and exit the building due to it's placement on one of Werribee's most busiest intersection. To navigate that building with young children in tow would be a nightmare.
It is inconvenient to have to park in the garage and ride up an elevator to drop off books. The current location draws people to the cultural centre and is near the parks for families
It is on the busiest intersection in Werribee. We don't need libraries for views. We love going to the Werribee Library, we are all grandmother. The staff do a marvelous job in catering for the Wyndham residents.
It needs to be a stand alone location. Not a part of a hotel structure. Being able to see the library as you walk or drive past and that accessibility is better. Location within the heart of Werribee is still good.
It needs to be in a place with better free parking and be suitable for people with disabilities
It needs to be on the ground floor, able to be seen from the street. The plaza library has the same issue.
It suits me where it currently is located. The library never seems too busy when I visit. No problem parking. If more space is needed, why not use the front area as I never see anyone in the art gallery (used to be the old cafe).
It will be harder to access, for example needing to do a quick book return or pick up. The current location at ground level is very convenient for access and nearby parking.
It will be hidden away in a box
It will cost money, that could be used for a lot more important things, the numbers going through the door do not justify this bigger space, it would be a waste.
It's a busy road and I wouldn't feel safe taking my toddler for a walk or bike ride along synnot st to get there. I feel like it would also lose its "library feel" being up so high, so large and in a hotel.
It's a waste of budget. Put the budget somewhere more useful
It's already attached to a council facility in good location
It's going to be harder access for mums with prams and small children
It's in a perfect location currently, easily accessible for the public and all abilities. It's frustrating that you feel the need to move it to a building without a community feel, hard to get to with parking and hard to exit. It is currently close to other facilities like the wyndham cultural centre and has a community feel. Such works and this move are a waste of tax payer dollars. Please don't do this. The fact that it's upstairs at pacific werribee is a reason I dislike that library.
It's inconvenient to go to the new premises. If there's not enough room at the current venue, why can't they use the front area that used to be Raphael's? Definitely do not support the move
It's more convenient were it is. It's right next to a nice big car park and a short walk from an even bigger car park. The only change it would make to it is that it should have a book drop of accessible during closed hour.
It's not as easily accessible for me and my family with parking and walking. I also have a pram and it would be challenging getting a pram into the lifts. The currently library is large enough and I do t see the benefit of more space when it is ample at the moment
It's not easy to get in and out of those lifts with a double pram/disabled access. Parking is tight. It's further away from the main part of watton st/less central. I had to stop going to hoppers crossing library as it was difficult for access with one lift and even with multiple lifts they aren't big enough for double prams/wheelchairs in our family. A ground floor library is a lot safer and more accessible ie. manor lakes library
It's a terrible place to put the library. Level 7 is not an appropriate place with only lift as a way in. Yoy need to find somewhere that is on ground level so both old and young people have access to it. What happens when lifts aren't working? Not only won't people be able to get to it but neither will staff
It's a very bad idea
It's already annoying that the Hoppers Library is so inconvenient to get to, having to park ages away and go up elevators with heavy bags of books. Please don't do this to the Werribee library as well. We live in Hoppers but travel to Werribee because of its location. It is so much more accessible where it is now, and it's great that the library has been part of the community, i.e. art gallery next door (yes, it's under renovation but still), cafes across the street, etc. Also, where will the outdoor returns shoot go at this new location???
Its easy to nip in & out at the current location for quick visits eg. photocopying, scanning etc. It would really be an inconvenience.
It's inconvenient if it moves.
It's is now hidden from public and from foot traffic. You have to make a conscience effort to go to level 7.
It's not visible in a location like the Werribee library currently is. How will aged people or people living with a disability who require a wheelchair will not be able to quickly exist the building in the event of an emergency.
It's off putting having to find parking and then get a lift up to the library. Make them ground level please.
Lack of visibility. The car spaces available in that area, including the undercover parking is already insufficient. And no longer limit than what current library carpark has. Harder to access with and without kids. It's not close to or nearby other local spaces like it is now - the cultural centre etc

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Larger libraries have an unwelcoming atmosphere. The Hoppers Crossing is library is awful. Werribee is great with the librarians easily accessible. The current location is also much closer to the post office and supermarkets I visit. Please don't move to the worst and busiest intersection in Werribee.
leave it as is
Leave it where it is. Lots of locals walk to the library including the elderly. When my children were little we would make a mornign of it by putting them in the pram and walking to the library for story time, There is plenty of parking near by. Also great toilet facilities and it's on ground level. Also I pop in to the library before I do my grocery shop. It's a perfect location. We don't need it to be any bigger as the bigger library at the plaza is close by.
Leave library as is!! 7th floor is for offices not right for public library
Libraries need to be visible and at ground level to be accessible for all. It needs its own building.
Libraries should be open and accessible to the community. It is a building that promotes equity for people who are young and old, people with prams and people with disabilities. The proposed location does not provide this.
Library is in a central position, and accessible to all. If I have to muck around getting in a lift etc I wouldn't go to a library. I be browsing looking at books etc not staring out a dirty window. If I want to look at view I go to the restaurant. Is council in partnership with the Hunter hotel to fill up the area and waste ratepayers money on a white elephant.
Library is in great location now. No move!
Library is on the 7th floor yet the public car park is only on the first 4 floors. People (elderly) would be required to carry books (possibly more than one) up and down carrying such books. Parking may not always be available close to the lifts to the library. People without transport may have difficulty getting to the library. People entering the building on foot may have to get two lifts to get to the library. One to the fourth floor and another to the library floor.
Library needs to be in its own building not shared in a commercial space. Community centre are better suited to this purpose. Will it be on lease with rates going up constantly? Ground floor is better suited for libraries.
library needs to be visible and accessible from the street. Lift access is not suitable to many. Parking is very difficult If I want to pop in to pick up a book I have reserved it would take 10 times as long. The current library is excellent where it is. Demolish that ridiculous structure out the front which is a useless eye sore. Extend the library into the other waste of space where the cafe used to be. Bring back the info centre to this area, who on earth thought it was a good idea to put it 7 ks out of town??
Library should be on the ground, not on tall buildings.
Lifts can be scary and dangerous for assaults if in by themselves especially when library opened later.
Lifts only.
Location is terrible, there is no street access, it's on a dangerous busy road. I often see children run out of libraries and community centre. They will run directly into heavy traffic. Access to the library via lift is not suitable for people with multiple children. As someone with a child with special needs they will not set foot in a lift, you are disadvantaging your community. There is no connection with the community services and the library. Seems like you're just trying to save money. Libraries need to be on the ground floor, with street access. 3 hour free parking is not good enough. I can be in the library longer than that. Very disappointing Council you would even entertain this option.
Location not suitable for all including people with disabilities.
Location now is already perfect.
Location on top of a building out of sight and out of mind. People will not even know it's there or be inclined to travel up a lift to go there.
Mainly parking - existing parking is great.
Many reasons including returning books, access, safety around vehicles and users of the library(location on the corner of an extremely busy intersection), elderly residents and new residents locating the new library and/or wanting to travel up to get to the space, and the ease of access to the current library. It is in a known location, right on the main street close to main shopping areas and parking at street level for 4 hours or all day, for people to incorporate their visits easily with shopping.
Middle of main street - built up, traffic, dangerous for children/students Parking is already accessible and free Library is a great spot already 7th floor is NOT accessible
more expense and the current location is fine.
Move it to station street
Moving the library to a high rise space removes it from its connection with the community, at street level.
Moving the library to the upper floor of a commercial building will reduce casual street traffic. Right now, I can do some shopping or have lunch on Watton Street and then make a casual visit to the library, stopping along the way to appreciate the local art. Orienting the library away from Watton Street (which is an inviting community space) to the less attractive commercial precinct of Synnot Street is deeply unappealing. It will make getting in and out of the library harder and less convenient, and frankly, I will visit less because the idea of driving in and out of the parking complex in the Hunter Building is intimidating.
I understand the benefit of more space and facilities, but I think Council would be better off expanding the cultural precinct than moving the library.

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Moving to a new building will not be accessible by International Federation Library Association (IFLA), Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and Public Libraries Victoria rules for library accessibility. A library should be located on the ground floor or in an individual building, not shared as a space with a hotel.

A view is not as important as the collection.

A library should be open and accessible. Considerate of the library users who use the library as a place to connect, work and study. The elderly, parents with children, school groups, young people, job seekers, the homeless, CALD, LGBTQIA+, First Nations, Torres Strait Islander and individuals with hidden and visible disabilities use your library. Many are council rate payers who want the council to better support the library and staff who work there.

There needs to be more toilets in your new space. At present you don't have enough for the people who will use the space.

The car park spaces are the priority for Holiday Inn as a business, not the library.

A 3 hour parking limit is not enough, when you open late. When you close early, it is a waste of time for people who travel to the library to access the internet for work or study.

Locating your library away from a bus stop limits the amount of people who will use your library.

Nobody uses meeting rooms at the library.

Will you start promoting library jobs for people to join? Having Year 10 students, who have not graduated from high school work at your libraries to do shelving is not appropriate, as they do not have a librarianship, information library service/information library management degree. You need to hire graduates that have ALIA Accredited qualifications and library knowledge, who want to work at your library. Providing opportunities for graduates and LIS students to volunteer in libraries to gain library experience by assisting paid library staff.

My 4 Reasons Not to support the Library Relocation.

1. Watching the New Library Site Advertising video titled "Potentially Relocating, it appears the decision is already made & this was the first I've heard about this !!!! I can't help feel this move is more like a political manoeuvre than a helpful decision. Rumour's suggest the council's vested interest due to their inability to utilize the site they committed to. While we shouldn't really listen to rumours, given Werribee's history with controversial projects like the Toxic Dump and Desalination Plant, it raises concerns about transparency and accountability. What's really going on? Is this really the best site?

2. As a Library, Elevator access in such a public space posing, a problematic, & significant challenges for staff, elderly, disabled, and families, potentially discriminating against vulnerable groups.

3. Should a so called "View" prioritise over accessibility & safety???

It poses safety concerns during emergencies and also for children coming & going, because a place like this which has strangers not only from the library, but from the hotel, the Bistro and sometimes even undesirables using the covered car park as their home shelter.

4. As for me, I'm elderly, and I think the Library is a great place to go, however should this particular place be our new Library, I'm out, and I'd encourage others to boycott it as well, this seems like a very bad move. I'd also hate for the negativity based on the Library to disturb the current building patrons as well. Thank you.

My main concerns are safety and accessibility. Being on the seventh floor the only practical access would be via lifts. This already proves a problem at Hoppers Crossing Library where an unreliable lift restricts access to the first floor library. If lifts were out of order in the proposed site few people would be able to walk seven flights of stairs to access or leave the library let alone staff trying to bring in books and supplies. It's no use having a bigger library in a central location if it is inaccessible.

There is also the question of safety should an emergency evacuation be needed if the only access is via lifts. Anyone with mobility issues would be stranded.

Whilst the proposed site has parking provided, exiting the carpark onto Synnot Street presents difficulties due to the volume of traffic and the proximity of the Duncans Road intersection, particularly if needing to turn right into Duncans Road or move out of the left turn lane at the carpark exit. As only one car at a time can exit the carpark it can get congested.

My understanding is that the hotel is used to accommodate people in transition housing/crisis' accommodation who are vulnerable.

From what I've encountered in using the space I would be deterred to frequent the library.

The current location is connected to the Watton st precinct and lively community.

Need a ground floor library not something on the 7th floor. Accessibility for aging population that no longer drive. Mothers with babies and prams at program time will be an issue in terms of safety. Please reconsider rebuilding Kelly Park for a ground level community centre with associated community rooms on 2nd level.

Have you tried to get out of the carpark on Synnot Street - almost impossible at peak times. These will cause traffic to bank up in the building.

Please look after the aging and original population in Werribee. They deserve better than a 7th floor building. Take a look at the Hoppers Crossing Library on 1st Floor - people are reluctant to come and read the newspaper.

A 7th floor library will be under utilised and forgotten. We are the District Centre and really need a state of the art building on Ground level - look at Geelong. Surely you can collaborate with TAFE, State and Federal Govts to get funding for improved facilities with better access.

KELLY PARK LEARNING CENTRE IS THE ANSWER.

Might be time to get the tractors out again.

Needs to be a ground level for access and car parking and near main block of shops. Not at far end and on 7th floor.

Stupid idea to move it.

I will not use it if it is moved.

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No escape for people with disabilities eg not enough lifts (only 2) if there is an emergency.
No I don't think it is a good idea to move the Library to this location. Surely there are so many other worthwhile situations that this space could be used for. The present site of the CBD library is central and more accessible. Big isn't always Better. ! and surely the Council could spend our rates more wisely.
No just love the current space!! It's great for young toddlers and babies, easily accessible for us and we like to go to Coles and Tuckers before or after the library (by walking).
No parking lift access not safe for older people
No parking. Library should be made public awareness with access to ground floor, not 7th
No quick drop off book Shute No quick drop off zone to go in and collect books on hold Intersection already congested with traffic worse during morning and afternoon school/work times adding more congestion with moving library there Don't like parking in multi storey car park, as too narrow. Easier to go to Manor Lakes library if moved to new location. You may be isolating a section of current users who will no longer use it, thus having an impact on business in the area. Resulting in a loss of income for them. Don't use lifts...
No will not be a library for everyone.
Discriminaing those who cannot easily access the 7th floor. wheelchairs, mothers/prams
No, definitely not.
No, I would prefer the library to remain where it is in Watton Street. It's more convenient for me and my husband to attend this location. I feel that if it expands as much as I've read about it, the feeling of the library will change dramatically. At the moment it's a close and more personal atmosphere, which I like. Expansion will certainly take away that and it will become more corporate than a local feel. Keep it where it is please. If it changes, I most likely won't continue to use this facility at all.
Not a 'user friendly' space at all. Needs to be located on ground floor - particularly for those with mobility issues, those with prams. Who cares about the view? Parking is extremely limited and only entered and exited onto a busy street.
Not accessible to children. Takes away form playgrounds. We got Wyndham park aldi and opshop all from the one location of the library. Lifts and underground car parks are complicated that's why we never go to hoppers crossing or point cook library. Manor Lakes and Werribee are the most accessible.
Not an easy method to visit library.
Not as easily accessible or visible.
Not easily accessible or visible to public. The empty Watton Plaza Arcade in Watton Street would be be far more accessible and better for patrons in case of emergencies to get wheelchair bound people out of the building, as elevators would be shut in the multi story building.
Not good for the elderly
Not if the floor in that building is being leased by council.
Not in a easy access location and a heavy traffic area
Not keen having to use a lift - accessibility, car parking.
Not practical for those who have to drive to the library! *This is a very ery busy intersection & busses and taxis already hold up traffic at the drop off zone. * It will take far too long for those who just need to drop off and collect books. To have to find a car space and then have to wait/catch a lift up seven floors to the library will be a hindrance.
Not practical, at all. Parking is difficult. In case of an emergency, how do mothers with babies and prams and people with mobility issues descend safely from the 7th floor? Surely they can't be expected to climb down 7 floors of stairs? Please look for a ground floor location.
Not safe for adults and children or students in general.
On principal I disagree with taking any library from a ground level location. The use of electricity or power for the carrying of books up and then down again is a waste of good energy and not sympathetic with the desire of caring people who recognize that energy should be conserved and not "wasted" on unnecessary activities. Further, it is easier to access a library if it is on the ground level. Carrying books is much easier for the users, and rime efficient. A location allowing for ground level access along with parking should be sought in Werribee. The present location has only street parking, (instead of it's own designated parking area) but otherwise is excellent. A very poor example of a library is the library at the Plaza, where parking and lifts both have to be found and employed. The new library in Melton town is upstairs, and has daunting stairs to be negotiated when one has a bundle of books in hand. The library at Caroline Springs is excellent!!! Ground floor, and its very own parking!!!!!! Most excellent! Easy in, and very easy out. THe library at Tarneit Leakes Road is also excellent. Its own parking, and ground floor access!!! On principle, I do not use the libraries which have lifts, as I think they are difficult to justify, using so much energy, when we are supposed to be encouraged to think of the environment. (For the record, I am NOT a "greenie", but I consider that in many things I am more "green" than the many who present themselves as politically "Green"!!)
Once you remove street access to the library, the patronage is going to drop dramatically. No matter how accessible the lifts are, moving the library off the street level and onto a seventh floor, not to mention taking it away from the pedestrian-friendly Watton Street, is going to reduce visitors.

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Out of sight, out of mind. It's a good idea in theory, but visitor numbers will drop because it will effectively be hidden. What other community libraries are on the 7th floor of a building? Needs to be ground floor in a prominent location. Open a second CBD library maybe, but don't relocate.
Parking access for disabled and pram plus access to library Shute. Safety for other tenants in building - using the same lifts.
Parking for the proposed area is often full, and not easily accessible, especially for those with mobility aids or prams. It is also difficult to turn out of the stack onto Synnot Street, which is often heavily congested.
Although there are lifts, these would be very busy as many of the library's most frequent patrons are elderly, disabled or attending with prams/children. Imagine the wait to get into a lift before or after Rhyme Time for example. This could also be potentially disastrous in an emergency.
Parking is already atrocious in the CBD, the location of the Holoday Inn is horrendous at the best of times, (a complete eyesore to begin with, which we try to ignore). And then you want to pop the library in there??? And there ISN'T plenty of parking as is claimed, it is on the 7th floor, harder to access even with elevators, escalators. What a shocking idea!!
Parking is awful. Even if a parking space could be found, Synnot St is awful and hard to enter into. The parking spaces are dangerous for with prams and/or toddlers... and elderly with mobility issues. No way should a 'public' space be on the 7th floor of a building. Has anyone considered what would happen in a black out or emergency when the lifts can't be used? Surely OHS needs to be considered. NO! NO! NO! Find another, larger space or look at using the existing space and incorporating the area that Raffe occupied.
Parking is easier where it is
Parking issues
Parking limitations Community group access to regular space is not defined.
Parking would be a big issue the current location of the library works & it's never super busy & it's easy to get to from public transport being very very central - i feel that the library doesn't need to be bigger & is perfect in size. Why do we need meeting rooms? We don't really & I don't go to a library for the views. Also how much would the move disturb the library having to close?
Parking/Traffic 1/2 & 1/2
Part of the attraction of the Werribee Library is that it is small and quiet compared to other branches. It maintains a cozy, tranquil atmosphere compared to most other newer branches which are often too bright and too noisy. Some people might choose the Werribee branch for its location, but it's current size and design are also more attractive to people who face social and environmental challenges.
People are not likely to look for a library when it is not on the street level.
People will use up the free parking in the hotel making it even more difficult for people who work in this area to find a reasonable spot to park the car all day in order to work. Since the council has made it really hard for local who work in this area already by making all the spots 2 hours and handing out fines with a passion this will add to the existing frustrations of workers.
More congestion at an already busy intersection.
People will no longer be able to easily locate the library. In the event that the lifts do not work, how would people living with a disability that require a wheelchair, or aged people exit the building in the event of a fire or blackout?
Personally, although the current site is extremely small for current needs, I believe having a library in an area which also houses a hotel with a restaurant and bar facilities is a high risk. It creates more opportunities for staff to be unsafe and as children would be using the facilities creates a scary environment for children with potential risks from people under the influence of alcohol. To me it would not be conducive to study for students either.
Plaza is better situated with lots of free parking
Please do not move, the kids love it here.
Please do not relocate our beloved Werribee Library! It would be really sad for the community.
Please don't move.
Please see my comments below.
Poor access via lifts for mums with prams, safety issues with young people using lifts, parking is difficult. You should have used the Kelly Park site....
Poor choice of location
Prefer current location
Present location has a community connection.
Relocating the Werribee Library to the 7th Level of a building makes it less accessible for patrons due to navigation of the building itself. It detracts from a being a space that is easy and convenient to 'pop into' and brings with it accessibility issues to consider and always having to wait for elevators. This is particularly of concern in case of any emergency like fire and threats of violence.

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Relocation of the library is not a well planned venture and discriminates accessibility access to member of our community

Obstacles and objections

Using lifts is not favoured by everyone for safety reasons and those who are claustrophobic or vision impaired
Climbing 7 flights of stairs is not an option for the elderly of the community, parents with prams and disabled people

Power outages
Disability Plans

When the lifts are not working where does one go either stay in the library or not be able to access the library
Or crawl down the stairs

EVACUATION in an emergency as lifts are not to be used in an emergency
Climb down the stairs not an option for everyone

Young families visit the Wyndham Park have a coffee or picnic and visit the library parking the car once

PROPOSED Moving the library breaks the enjoyment and accessibility of street level connection

I meet as a community member weekly at the library with a knitting group (where we knit for disadvantaged members of our community) and find moving from a street level venue to be unacceptable for our group and natural lighting

The library may appear small to some people
the atmosphere is good and friendly building a strong community of all ages

Why move the library at the expense of our community members
Why not add another floor to the existing building and put the arts area upstairs giving library more floor area at street level

Why not move all the ARTS activities etc to the Hunter Building would be more acceptable

Ridiculous idea - Council knows it is a done deal but you have to appear as if you will take community suggestion on board.

Ridiculous location.

Ridiculous on the the 7th floor

Safety.

Seems like the council are always looking for new ways to waste money. FIX the roads

Selfishly, I am comfortable with the current situation.

Silly idea.

Stay in werribee plaza is much convenient

Stupid idea.

surely there is a more convenient (particularly for the elderly/incapacitated), not to mention far cheaper alternative venue available.

Taking the library from a prominent, central position with the Piazza and nearby popular coffee shops would reduce foot traffic. If the Hunter building is used there should be a separate entrance for the library on the quieter Duncan's Road side.

Terrible access for older people. Terrible exposure in the community. Terrible wait time for elevators both for library patrons and other building users. tricky to organise book returns. The

Terrible idea to locate a library anywhere other than on a ground floor. In the event of an emergency, lifts cannot be used. How are people who have mobility issues or babies in prams meant to descend safely?

Please think and consider this fully.

Parking in that (hotel) carpark is definitely not ideal. Crowded at the best of times and very difficult to get out of.

that areas is more congested than where the library is right now, there is hardly enough disabled parking areas there as is! not enough at the supermarkets, plus you have the courts down the road. so NO not enough parking at all not much better where the library is.

That corner is a drivers nightmare, insufficient parking, accessibility is not easy or quick. Do I want my kids walking into an under ground carpark or Into a hotel Nope not at all.

that new building is very confusing to navigate around. the entry to the lifts to go up floors isn't well signed. given elderly people use the library, i think they will really struggle to gain access. getting in and out and around the multi story parking is also a challenge.

The area the library is currently located in is known as the cultural precinct. Currently it is easy to drop in and out of and parking on the street or surrounding has never been an issue.

Relocating to a high rise isn't as convenient for my 90 yo parent. Given the calibre of some residents living in the proposed building, my parent would not feel safe being alone in the lift.

Doesn't the council own its current location but not the suggested space in the high rise building. Who will pay the rent and how much will it be in the proposed space?

The car park for the Holiday Inn is already at capacity. The library typically has 100 patrons (eg 4PM on Weekday) on which probably 25% come by car.

There is no overflow space for the car park at the holiday inn. Where the is overflow at the current site.

The car park is full most days. It would compromise access to parking for people who rely on it for daily parking. There is inadequate street parking available for those who work in the cbd already.

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The cost of the rental of space is not justified.
The current facility is sitting on the ground floor, which gives better accessibility, the younger kids and elderly people feels safer to access the library. If we move it to 7th floor, people has to take the elevator and not many kids and elderly people are comfortable using the elevators. In case of emergencies, we will put more and vulnerable lives on risk.
The current library has more bus frequency and routes from different parts of council due to the mall. Being a part of plaza, it also feels safe and attracts children while parents come there to shop.
The current library is perfectly situated for all age groups. I do not like the fact the new library will be on the 7th floor making it very difficult for elderly, young mums with prams and toddlers and myself who does not like lifts or high buildings. In the event of an emergency I would not be able to walk down 7 flights of stairs and this would be the case for many library users. I also do not like underground car parking. With the current environment we live in I think a lot of people would feel unsafe parking underground and making their way up to the seventh floor. I love our library and have always been a frequent visitor and love taking my grandchildren to rhyme time and activities over many years. I would probably rethink using the Werribee library if this move goes ahead.
The current location is an ideal place
The current location is easy to pop into and run other errands at the same time. The proposed space requires a specific trip to that location. It is not as easy to access and incorporate into your day.
The current location is great and accessible. Why not open a second library? It will be an inconvenience for many people.
The current location is great to pop into with kids whilst out to the shops/park etc. No multi-level car park to deal with. I will avoid that.
The current location is great. It is easily accessible for families with parking options close by. My children regularly see the library and ask to visit, even crying when closed. The move will mean visibility will be lost to children, and will no longer be top of mind when visiting Watton Street. I am concerned that the library is being moved to make space for the gallery. I question what the patronage of the gallery compared to the library (excluding theatre). I believe the gallery should make room for the library. Why is the front space and foyer empty most of the time when library could be better using this space. Why does the gallery need so much space when the library has more visitors? The new location will be more difficult for families. Underground car parks are not safe, trying to get kids in and out of the cars is difficult, then walking through the car park is difficult. The building is well known for its many social issues. Moving the library will put young children in underground car park and lift with people with these severe challenges. It just is not safe!
The current location is ideal - near the Cultural Centre and near lots of car parking and at the quieter end of Werribee. The Hunter building end of Werribee is much busier and it's difficult to get a car park there. It will not be as convenient to visit the library to collect my holds if it is moved into this building. Why also would Council want to move the library from a building it owns to one it would need to rent? In this cost saving environment?
The current location is ideal as it is easily accessible and safer for children, adults, the aged and those with disability.
the current site feels more cultural and easier access. Ample parking too. Easy walk across to the fairly new renovated park. For the new site, building is at a busy corner(traffic etc), only one exit for the multi storey car park. Street parking usually full near the area.
The Holiday Inn is not a representation of Wyndham Council. The Library should be established in a stand alone Wyndham Council. Also, the Holiday Inn has a restaurant and bar on the 8th floor which serves alcohol and which be of safety concern for library customers and children during late hours.
The holiday inn is used to house some extremely unsavory people and i feel as though it's not a safe environment to take my 9 year old child, i would like Wyndham council to show the community how many times emergency services have been called to the holiday inn within this year so that people can make an informed decision on whether moving the library to this space is safe.
The Hunter building is a very inconvenient location, accessibility/disability issues, if the lifts were to break down it becomes redundant for people with accessible needs. Babytime and story time sessions will also be needing lift access for prams etc so not a great location for a library at all.
The library does need to relocate, but the chosen location 7th floor of the Hunter Building is not a suitable location.
The library does need to relocate, it needs a bigger space, but the current proposed location is not suitable. The space is located in a very high traffic area - has a traffic management report been completed to see the impact that this would cause? The seventh floor is not an accessible space for the elderly and parents with prams - a major demographic of this space. What happens if the lifts fail? Will there be a down stairs 24/7 chute return? Is there a safety concern as there have been some concerning incidents in the space in the past as highlighted in the news? We need a bigger ground floor space for both patrons and staff, but this proposed space is not the one. Also the ceilings of the proposed space look very low - noise impact?
The library has ample space for its needs. Please do not do the same thing to it that was done to the plaza library.
The library has worked fine for years just where it is. It is at a very convenient location and on ground level. It has been a fantastic meeting place for friends and get togethers for craft.
The Library is a vibrant part of the community and needs to be a centrally located and visible presence for the community it serves. Hiding the library away on the 7th floor of some soulless corporate hotel is pathetic and illustrates that the Wyndham City Council does not value the library or understand what it means to its community. How will the community know where it is if it's in some hotel's building?
Expanding the size of the Werribee Library is critical and a positive move, but you need to find a better location.
The library is central to all my needs. You can always get parking and I also like its location by the cafes
The library is currently in a fantastic location easy to return books etc via chute. Synnot Street would be woeful, traffic is awful and having to take a lift to 7th Floor, the car park is gloomy and scary for us older folks..Utilise the events building right next door and the old Raffies Restaurant should have been earmarked for the library instead of the waste of space it is now..

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The library must be on the ground floor! Today at the Plaza library the lift was out of order and several patrons couldn't attend the library as they could not use the stairs. It is ludicrous to consider a library on the 7th floor of a building with only a lift for access.
The library should be a stand alone facility, not a part of a hotel/high rise business complex. Street entry directly onto Watton Street seamlessly makes the library connect with the community, local cafes etc.
The library should close as it is deprecated. Sell to private owner who can generate more
The library space currently is fine as it is. Not need to waste residents tax funds on a relocation not serving any purpose. Look at all the potholes all around werribee. How about upgrading the aging and broken playground for kids in Galvin Park?
The lifts would make accessibility difficult
the location is inconvenient
The location is perfect at its current location! This is the 'hub' area, central to the local coffee, park, post office and a general meeting place. Why change a good thing? I like the friendliness of this size area. I will be extremely disappointed with the change.
The location is very family friendly and I believe the move would make it less accessible and therefore less appealing to families. Having the library where it is is great for access to the cafes, shops and parkland.
The modern buildings are not easy for the very old people.
The multistorey carpark is not easily accessible for myself and children. To park and then proceed to a lift is a significant deterrent. Safety is another concern where there have been a number of police incidents in that vicinity including a facility. The traffic at the Duncan's road intersection and is a specific reason why I avoid that area. The existing facilities provide easy access to Wyndham park and post office.
The new building is in very busy area of Werribee. A lot of traffic will get congested at the intersection coming into and out of the new building. I like the ground level of the current library because it gives easy and quick access into and out of the building,
Library users often park near the Werribee library to drop off books ect at the library chute. Would I have to park in the new building to drop off books at the library chute? This is why I like the current library for drop off instead of the new library location. I currently don't go to the Werribee Plaza library for that reason. The current Werribee location has room at front of the building which is a flex space. Why not use it for Story Time, Craft work shops, Talks ect
The new space is busier. There is no safe place to park for a quick drop off at the chute (for library books etc). The empty room at the current building could be used for story time and play for babies.
The present location is perfect. I'm not dragging grankids from a carpark , up lifts to a .new 9 million dollar library. Werribee has so many other issues to attend to without yet again wadting rate payers money. Werribee council need to listen to the concerns and needs of the people who employ them on so many issues.
The present site is small and more intimate - nice feel. Friendly atmosphere.
The proposed location is not a suitable space for a library. This is the most uninviting community space I've seen proposed. Being on the 7th floor of a building that hasn't been made with the needs of a library in mind will make for a poor library experience. This intersection is already so busy and will make it even less inviting for people. This space is more suited to office space for businesses, not a library! Further, this proposal talks about the 7th floor of the Hunter Building, but most community members would know this as a the Holiday Inn which would be a clearer representation of what it is.
The proposed location is not as convenient or as easily accessible. Having to get a lift to the 7th floor makes it difficult to do quick book return or pick up. I'm less likely to use the library if this is the case.
The proposed location lacks street visibility and doesn't have good access. If the lift breaks, there's no easy option for mobility impaired people and pram users and 7 floors are too many stairs as an alternative (compared with Hoppers site of second floor). It's not a 2 minute walk from the station, it's 5 minutes.
The proposed location should support art and culture as it is located in a Tourist location Holiday inn. Many country locations use this type of space for large textile and large art exhibitions displays. Holiday Inn tourists would find this more interesting.
The space doesn't seem very accessible to community members, tucked away on the 7th floor of a commercial building. What other community services will be available in the same building? How will local residents claim the space as their own? Will young families and elderly residents be able and motivated to navigate the car park and lifts with ease? Will people be able to "pop in" to the library, or will they be put off by the number of steps involved in a dedicated visit?
The suggested location is far less accessible than the current ground floor location, requiring the use of lifts in a somewhat convoluted multi level car park Difficult for mums with young ones for story time and also thinking of ease of access for disabled or elderly access
The Werribee library has traditionally provided a safe and welcoming community space, visible to the locals and visitors alike for planned and casual attendances. In my opinion, a library should ideally be part of a community hub or with a face to the street in order to be an easily accessible place where people know they can comfortably drop in with a purpose, can have a little time out without feeling out of place and in Werribee, gain information about what's happening in the municipality (the nearest Visitor Information Centre is in Werribee South). Whilst relocation may have to happen at some time, moving to to a high rise venue with a "view" may discourage a sector of long time users and certainly not be a central point for casual drop ins.
The Werribee Library is a community place to meet, for all ages including parents with prams and people in wheelchairs, wheelie walkers, walking sticks etc. The Library is in a central part of Werribee - where it can be seen and it should remain there. Thank you.
The Werribee Library is in a great location, has easy access, good parking - great for old and young. You are a public service with a government owned building. Why would you want to rent an inconvenient site - to rent out yours and make money?? You're better all round that the Hoppers library at the Plaza - don't ruin it now.
There are no disability car parking nor are there any car parks available sparingly in and around synott st!! Nor Watton st, for that matter! Council are fining constituents like never seen before. You say close to public transport, great! I need to dodge trouble makers in the station, and look at homeless people sleeping there! Clean up Wyndham! Before you try to fix something that's not broken!

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There are several reasons I don't see this move working for the current Werribee Library customers as follows... 1. It's at the busiest corner in the Werribee CBD and there is not enough street level parking for those not confident with parking inside the Holiday Inn. My wife and I included. 2. It will require more time and effort to find a park to quickly drop off books in the drop off chutes or pick up on-hold books. 3. There is not enough street level drop off points for setting down pedestrians to attend the library floor. The drop off point on Synnot St is always full of buses or other vehicles taking a lot longer than 5 minutes in that big bay. 4. You will be shutting out a large part of our community that uses the library a lot. Namely the elderly and handicapped. So many of these people will miss out or have to go out of their way to use a ground floor library e.g. Julia Gillard, etc. for reasons 1-3 above. I've been a member of the Werribee Library for 48 years from when it was in the back of a library truck back in the 70s and then when it moved into a single library at the current Civic Centre. I still have my original library card and number. During that time the expansion of the Wyndham Library to so many beautiful locations has been wonderful. As has the uptake of it's services by the Wyndham residents. However, moving the Werribee CBD library to a more congested part of Werribee is, in my opinion a move in the wrong direction. I know the Wyndham Council has taken a long lease out on the Holiday Inn floor and it was supposedly for another purpose e.g. council offices, but I think trying to now fit the Werribee Library into this space is wrong for the above mentioned reasons. Like trying to fit a square peg into a round hole. With those older and less able-bodied library members being the corners of the square peg. In order for the square peg to fit the round hole, the corners will have to go and it will be those members who don't fit who will be let behind. Those people who do not have a on-line voice!
There could be issues with parking with the new location. The new location is busier than the current one.
There is already too much congestion around that area where the Holiday Inn is.. This is overdevelopment.. Cramming everything in..
There is no information provided on the data on current utilisation rates and expected changes. How can we answer the question if more money should be spent on this.
There would be no quick and easy parking for quick visits to the library anymore. I am very concerned about the amount of traffic going through this intersection. Access will be by lift only. Extremely difficult for parents with prams to get to. Access could also be difficult for older residents and anyone with a disability.
Thinking it will be out of sight, and so, out of mind
This is a totally inappropriate location for a library ! Gaining access to the Holiday Inn and all the typical woes of driving around wbee CBD- JUST to return a few books/ DVDs would be a right royal pain for regular users of the of wbee library - many of whom are elderly or have mobility limitations (not to mention the parents wanting to attend the toddlers/ baby sessions with prams etc !!. Please find another location at STREET LEVEL instead !
This is not the space for this library in Werribee. Many people living in and around the Werribee CBD are older people and this move would cause inconvenience to these people. The parking in the Holiday Inn is tight and we do not park there because of this reason. The people love to go to the present sight because they can also go into the Art Gallery. This is more convenient, and the parking is better for older people. You need to have better consultation with the people in this area. Many do not have computers so they will not be aware of this report.
This is the silliest plan I have ever seen. I am a disabled patron, and this plan will just make accessing the library take even longer. The beauty of the CBD library is that it is on ground level, no lifts to negotiate! My goodness, the councillors need to try and access both premises and compare. It is a no brainer! What happens when the lifts are out of order? This can be a regular occurrence with hi-rise buildings. Safety is also compromised - I don't want to access a carpark in the dark with little public visibility. Go back to the drawing board, there is plenty of land in Werribee. What about the access for parents with prams who attend children's programs? It would take forever to manoeuvre the children, parents, grandparents. My word, think rationally.
This location is easy to get to and is perfect size the other libraries have meeting rooms not all libraries need to be modern, we need to leave some history for future generations. It is close to Centrelink people need computers for job search
To Relocate the library to the Hunter building would lose its community feel as at present it's across from Wyndham park has a nice feel don't think it would be utilise if moved not so appealing
Too big, no fresh air.
Too dangerous for people.
Too hard to access. Not as good a location.
Too isolated an location and near lots of traffic. Dont want to go upstairs.
too much traffic in the new proposed area too hard for the disabled/prams better on ground level
Unsure about the suitability.
Very bad idea and should not be pursued at all. For 19 years plus I have never waited to get entry into existing library due to overcrowding. There is no issue with the present location - why change it? Unless there is some ulterior motive maybe!
Very crowded, traffic around.
Visibility
Was informed by another parent at Babytime that the same building encourages homeless/mental health and drug addicting members of the community to attend, they tend to hand around and smoke
Waste of money. Never had a problem with crowds.
What a real laugh for other councils and libraries seeing Wyndham hiding their library away on the 7th floor.
Negative attitude from Wyndham council for education and learning in the community if there is no library seen at street level.
What a stupid idea. Watton and Synott and surrounding streets are already jammed with traffic, and as the population expands will only become worse. Stop looking for stop gap fixes which will only need to rectified at great expense to rate payers. Build a purpose-built library, you must have

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the money as I saw a rate notice today from another Melbourne shire and for a property twice the value of ours's the rates were half of what I pay in the Wyndham Shire.
What a waste of already owned council resources for the current library in Watton st. This building is a white elephant hotel looking for relevance to the community. It's a terrible idea to relocate
What about people with disabilities when a fire breaks out can't yous the Stairs
What's the reason of the move?
Where do I park my car,plus I hate heights
Where the library is is easier for people to get too and is able to be walked passed enticing more people inside and is easily accessible for wheelchair access. Mothers group and elderly people who frequent the library.
Where the library is now is a great location. I can park next door and the kids and I get books and attend story time, etc, we have lunch afterward. So sad if you move it.
While I agree the library needs to be bigger, it needs to be in a space that is at street level. Access should be for all at all times, not just the fit and able. Lifts break down (that occurs at Plaza Library often) thereby limiting access to the space. In the case of an emergency, how do you evacuate people down 7 flights of stairs quickly and safely. Parking is not great at the proposed site, and due to heavy traffic in Synott Street very difficult to merge into the traffic. Also can only turn left from the building. If volunteering or studying, 3 hours is not enough time and how much is the parking after that
While I do think the bigger space would be appreciated, where the current library is provides great access to cafes and shops, and is in a quieter part of the Main Street traffic.
While the additional library space and community rooms are a welcome addition to the Werribee CBD, their location on the seventh floor of the Werribee Holiday Inn is not ideal. This will create additional challenges for families and carers with prams.
While there is no doubt that Werribee Library desperately needs an upgrade, I have thought long and hard about this and have decided against this proposal. I note that my judgement may be clouded by nostalgia, as I have been frequenting Werribee Library since I was a child.
The current location is perfect, it's ground level on Watton Street, right across from Wyndham Park and many cafes in walking distance. I regularly attend Baby Time and after utilising the library space, myself and others typically grab a coffee across the road and go for a walk through Wyndham Park.
I am concerned about the parking situation for the proposed location, I understand it is free for 3 hours, which I admit is no different to the current library location (although much of the street parking is less than 3 hours), but the amount of car parks available and the easy of use would be, in my opinion, problematic. I have been to The Holiday Inn and utilised the car park and I can only imagine how challenging it will be to get a park for a library there, particularly before early years programs and how busy they get (or school holiday programs, adult programs, etc).
I emphasise again that Werribee Library absolutely needs an upgrade, but preferably leave it where it is and expand on the space, although I understand with the space available it will still not be as big as the purposed Synnot Street location.
While there is plenty of parking, it is more difficult to drive and park large vehicles such as vans. We provide transport to people that use wheelchairs, so the current parking space next to the library is easy to navigate and there is often a disability parking space available. Further, there may be some concern for large groups of individuals with disabilities (ie school groups, support programs) having to use the elevators safely, and may not be enough room for more than 1 wheelchair at a time.
Whilst the benefits put forward are great, the drawbacks have not been put forward. A library on the 7th level is highly inaccessible, no matter how many lifts. The same applies to a library over several levels.
Why are you wanting to move from an easily accessible place to a much more inconvenient place? Stupid idea.
Why give up on unpaid asset to pay a lease? Short sighted.
When I first read this I thought it was a great idea. Then I searched the info on the Loop Project on the online details. There was no mention of cost. I may be older but any first Q is how? How does transitioning to a lease agreement work out better long term? It doesn't. All the things I like: space & community rooms could be provided here. Refresh the library with the \$ for a years base and use the arts centre venue up front for community use. We've already lost "The Kelly Community Centre". Use \$ from there to extend up and refresh the library and include more community facilities to make up for the loss of Kelly park. Present location is great - access to parks, cafes, ample parking etc. Views for a library? Who needs that? Have been here during school holidays and facilities & location provide excellent resource for pre-primary and primary school children.
Why not look at relocating the Cultural Centre to a bigger site. The Council must have known this all along when it was decided to upgrade this space. The Library could be upgraded and make the rest of the area a Community facility.
Why would council want to pay for room in a privately owned building when they own buildings in the area it would be of better benefit to renovate or build onto what they own this will only help with assets to the community than to waste money on buildings they don't own I'm sure they have saved a generous sum of capital having the existing library and could re-invest the capital saved back into re developing the current building rather than dumping shipping containers at the entrance and calling it art
Why would you want a library on the 7th floor! That seems absurd!
With AI technology upon us within 2 years and Audio books libraries will be shrinking but are needed for programs for the children, elderly and disabled who need ground level entry and parking not unreliable lifts, unattended insecure an unsafe car parking. High accident prone intersection and multi businesses would cause chaos in an emergency. Leave it where it is please.
Would be an unreasonable excursion to just return a borrowed library book.
Would like the Werribee library to stay in Werribee - parking issue
Would've want 200 people in a location
Yes, the current location has a good space for parking, secondly, it is at the ground level which is more safe for elderly people. Finally, the access is not on the busy street as Holiday Inn. Thanks

TABLE 1: WHEN RESPONSE WAS 'NO I DO NOT SUPPORT THE MOVE, CONTRIBUTORS WERE PROMPTED TO PROVIDE COMMENT

you are sacrificing access for space. In it's present position the library is the beating heart of the CBD.
 Have you thought of all the elderly who don't drive?
 Of all the people who get their books and then
 walk down for coffee? Who cares about office space.
 And don't you already own the present site? Who will pay the rent in Holiday Inn? Ratepayers of course.

You must be joking. The library is a community place where a lot of older people know how this site works and change is vert hard at 80 years of age.

"OTHER" COMMENTS UNDER QUESTION "WHAT DO YOU LIKE THE MOST ABOUT THE PROPOSED SPACE"
A bigger overall area means potentially more space to allocate for early years activities
absolutely nothing
Better proximity to the route school kids take back towards Watton St and the train. Will also be great to have this space nearer to Station Place.
Big is good but not seen - What's the point?
Dislike everything
Don't like it at all
Don't like location.
Don't like move whatsoever
Don't like the new location
Don't like the proposed space or location at all
Don't move please
For some people who come off the train it would be good
Frees up Center for Development
Frees up the current space to focus on arts and culture
Happy with the present location
Hearing ideas like this is very entertaining.
Hopefully greater number of resources - especially in the international/multicultural language section.
I actually work in the hotel next door because of the views and quiet. more working spaces!!!
I am hoping new library will get extended hours
I do not like idea
I do not like it at all
I do not like the move here
I don't agree
I don't like anything about it! Leave it as is.
I don't like it at all
I don't like the proposed location
I don't think this is an appropriate space.
I don't believe that 200 people would attend at one time.
I don't like anything about it.
I don't like anything about the proposed space.
I don't like this idea at all. Why didn't you give me that option here?
I don't like what you are proposing
I don't think any of the above reasons are worth moving the library.
I have selected other as there was not option to select dislike the project.
I like nothing about the new location.
I not like anything about it. The location we have is already perfect.
I think it is a terrible idea.
It could be a temporary space while the current location is upgraded.
it means more people from the area can access the library
It would be modern and well set out.
Its not better
Its not the right space for a library.
Less walking distance from the station
Main issue is lack of visibility
Means more book, more activities, and opportunities for the community
More modern library compared to many others in Victoria
more options for library events

"OTHER" COMMENTS UNDER QUESTION "WHAT DO YOU LIKE THE MOST ABOUT THE PROPOSED SPACE"
More resources (to accommodate more of them?)
More space for activities such as Baby Time. At the moment it is very unpleasant to attend to those activities as literally you have to step on both mums and bubs as it is very crowded.
More spaces for library events and programs
None - too congested
none - you don't go to library to look at the views
None of these . I would like to see stop spending so much rate payer money and not keep increasing our rates
Not a good location
Not good to go to
Not interested in a move - love present location.
Not relevant for a library which should be situated on the ground floor for quick and visible access.
Not required at this moment
Not suitable at all.
Not sure, not convenient
Not the place for this library.
Nothing appealing about new location.
Nothing good about it
Nothing. The current site is better
Office environment is a disappointing outcome
Part could be used for a better purpose. eg an Information 'centre' as the one at the Zoo is not easily accessible.
Prefer current location
Prefer present library refresh & expand
Quiet areas
Quiet study and reading areas
Stay where is
stay where it is
The location is not easier to get to for older pedestrians; the area is much busier with traffic. there is no safe drop off point for aged residents who use wheely walkers and they are unable to safely cross the roads at the traffic lights due to their slow mobility!
The new location helps forge an educational hub as the Wyndham Community & Education Centre is also next-door, at 20 Synnot Street, Werribee, VIC 3030. It is to certain extent visionary to help make the city more education centre of Victoria too. This spot will also cater visitors who stay at Holliday Inn to be more curious about daily life and knowledge acquisition. Hence, drop in the library to read newspapers and research as an integral part of their stay and journey into Werribee area.
The proposed lounge/reading area looks fantastic.
There is nothing to like about this idea
This plan would bring the Werribee Library up to the standard of others in the city of Wyndham
Toilets inside the library
Too big
Total dislike
very inconvenient
Who cares if bigger. I don't want to use a lift and share with homeless/mental health weirdo.
Would it be?

"OTHER" COMMENTS UNDER QUESTIONS "WHAT ARE SOME CONCERNS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE MOVE"
Access to the current site is perfect
Additional expense to rate payers

"OTHER" COMMENTS UNDER QUESTIONS "WHAT ARE SOME CONCERNS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE MOVE"
All of it, not worth the cost
Appeal, security, safety.
As described above
As stated above
As Watton Street gets busier question how many parks will be available!
Away from main street - hard to access.
Bad location limited access and dangerous for the frail and special people.
Balcony with children
Busy intersection
Co- location with a hotel
Comparative annual costs for Wyndham ratepayers
Concerned about cost - will we be paying for a facility when we already have one rent free???
Cost
Cost and no information on why and current utilisation rates
Cost of lease.
Cost to rent the space vs occupying a council owned building
Cost to the community?? Please make sure there is a public toilet in there.
current staff opinion and any additional expense
Dangerous intersection
Don't like change
Don't like it
Don't like that it will be in the Holiday Inn
Ease of Emergency Evacuation if required;
Easy of access with young toddlers and babies
Evacuations, sharing lift space, visibility
Everything
Feels less central than current location.
Fire hazard
Forced to go into a lift with I dont know who. Sad for young vulnerable people and elderly who will be forced to also travel in a lift with people they are uncomfortable with.
Getting out, on Duncan's road corner, always so busy.
Happy with current and already attached to a council facility
horrible choice, 7th floor!
How will the move impact the cost of library services?
I am 82 years of age and disabled. I have used the library at Pacific Werribee and find the toilets impossible to use due to the fact there needs to be someone else to open the door (it is too heavy) while I manoeuvre my walker. In any library there needs to be provision for access to toilets by disabled people, namely automatic doors and room inside to enter with a walker or wheelchair.
I am concerned about branding and visibility. Currently the building has a large glowing Holiday Inn sign, which will detract from the Wyndham Library. Sufficient signage should be implemented (perhaps a second glowing sign?) to make the building look more like a landmark gathering place.
I am concerned about how ideas like this come to be.
I don't want to have to use an elevator to get to my local library. Many people have a phobia and 7 flights is too far to walk.
I don't want it
I have found the lifts in the building a bit confusing about which floors can be accessed

"OTHER" COMMENTS UNDER QUESTIONS "WHAT ARE SOME CONCERNS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE MOVE"
I have specified above
I like looking at the exhibitions whilst I'm here.
I like where we are.
I live very close to the current library.
I think the current library location is already perfect place.
If the library is located on the seventh level return chutes will have to be on that level too, meaning the public cannot return books at all hours, it's a minor consideration but this is already the way we operate at Hoppers Crossing Library so there are ways this can be done
Inconvenient closure
Inconvenient.
Invisible library
it brings more traffic into werribee central
It is on the 7th floor
Just the high
Just the level on which it will be located on
Lack of visibility
Lift failure
Lifts for elderly can be scary
Located busy intersection
Loss of business traffic to that end of Watton Street
Loss of familiarity for some
modern
Money, isolated, safety
Need instructions on where to park in this area, especially for mothers who bring more than one child into the facility and might use a stroller
need to have baby feed and nappy change for both mums and dads
Never seen a library a Public Library on the 7th Floor in my life
no
None as it is on the 7th floor, resonable away from traffic noise from the street. Police station is also closer than the current location. More like the one in Werribee Plaza, above the ground floor. - away from noise and distractions
not as visible to people who don't know where it is
Not central, not ground floor.
Not easy to find
Not required at this moment
Not safe for young children to access from synnot st!
Not safe.
Not suitable for a community library for families
Not visible should be on ground floor
Other
Outlandish lease costs/inconvenience to elderly/incapacitated
Parking: entry and exit points to parking station are on very busy streets and quite tricky at peak times. On-street parking is time limited and around one of the busiest intersections. Seniors, parents with small children and many others may find parking under the hotel a barrier to attendance because of access (wheelchairs/walkers) and the prospect of few spaces available if there is high volume public parking demand.
Please see the answer below. Thanks.
please think of those less mobile.
Potential lost earnings for office tenancy, the original intent of the proposed space

"OTHER" COMMENTS UNDER QUESTIONS "WHAT ARE SOME CONCERNS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE MOVE"
Promotion of new site and specific signage/directions are very important
Proposed to relocate to 2nd most dangerous intersection in Werribee CBD
Ridiculous location
Safely accessing the building.
Safety
Safety in the car park
Safety, visibility, practicality, lack of quick entry and exit.
See above!
See below
See previous reply
Signage - a bigger space would be amazing, it would be a waste if people don't know where and how to access the library
Simply getting to the library
Stairs, elevator
Terrible idea going up in lifts
that people may not know how to get there - make sure there is loads of wayfinding and signage. Have a big marketing campaign for 6 months to let the community know where it is.
The large windows and excessive light; The uninviting entrance/footpath
The lifts
The property houses people who are homeless, battling addiction, and other serious social issues. I do not feel comfortable being in a lift with my two young children, and do not feel it would be safe.
The transition time it will take to move from one place to the other
Time - the recent closure of hoppers crossing library was very inconvenient and worry for the community losing this one too as it has more children visiting
too congested corner. Busy
Traffic
Uses and retention of old premises.
Very busy intersection for foot traffic - having lift access only.
Visibility
Visibility would be minimal
Waste of budget
Waste of money
What about more hard copy books? I personally read mostly ebooks, but I am concerned about the digital divide, and I don't see that the library is helping with that. The number of hard copy books in all branches seems to have shrunk (maybe it hasn't and that's only my perception) and I would love to see more. They haven't been mentioned at all with regards to the move.
What if the lift breaks down?
Will I be able to run free community access social groups there as I have at Watton street?
Will it be allowed to stay long term? Also, slight reservation about it being out of sight from the road but, in truth, the visibility around the current library location is terrible and the entry is difficult to find.
Will parking remain free and for how long?
would like more details about the library move

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?

- I've been in that carpark - its tiny, try navigating a wheelchair or pram to get to the lifts is problematic
- The lifts are small
- This survey is biased - not equal options - where is non for what you like most? None - I don't like it.

- Is it a space that no one else wanted because it is commercially unviable? So you stick this up there so far away from everyone and completely out of reach for some.

All the positives I've ticked could be factored into a great built for purpose building ON THE GROUND FLOOR! What a wasted opportunity to build something that is amazing like other libraries in othe councils have. Some kind of flagship thing like Geelong did many years back with the Dome would be great. Imagine all the possibilities that you could do?

"The views", "huge windows" and "multiple balconies" are mentioned and yet have absolutely nothing to do with what makes a good library; in fact, excessive light is not great in a library where it can reflect on computer screens, create glare and even fade items on shelves over time. Wyndham's other libraries have calm atmospheres much more conducive to study thanks to their 'lack of views'. I am also concerned about the balconies, as library staff can't be expected to be checking on missing children constantly; likewise, there is the problem of mischievous youths throwing books onto the street below. In other words, large windows and balconies are NOT a selling point. Regarding the multi use rooms, lets hope that they are sound proofed, unlike the newly installed ones at the Hoppers Crossing library.

1. The floor is ridiculous! Many people won't travel for that.

2. The library will be hidden from the general public and increasingly ignored.

1. The lounge/reading area looks fantastic, very inviting.

2. The garden/reading areas to the right of the proposed floor plan look exposed and windy and I feel they may not be used. Perhaps expanding the lounge area or having a way to enclose the garden areas to make a conservatory of sorts would be nicer to use.

3. Just wondering if any of the multi-use rooms will have a hardwood floor and be suitable for dancing, and how would these multi-use rooms be made available for use. Asking for a friend 😊

4. Werribee is already an Aboriginal name so I hope you continue to call it Werribee Library and don't choose a different Aboriginal name.

4. Thanks for investing in a lovely new facility for everyone's benefit.

1. What is the proposal for the Hunter Building? The implications of this are important to the overall proposal.

2. 200 car spaces are currently free. Do council have ownership of this space and can this space be guaranteed to be free long term?

200 people in one location invites trouble. How to evacuate wheelchair attendees.

3 hrs parking isn't enough for spending a study or activity day at the library.

Can community groups have after hours access to rooms?

What are opening hours? Will there be late opening, how's security going to be for accessing the car park late at night?

Access to 7th floor / evacuation in case of emergency / lift failure will be a real problem.

A bigger space for the community is a good idea.

A way to make it obvious and easy to locate from the street. The advantage of the current library is that you can find it easily and literally walk off the street to enjoy it. It may feel a little intimidating having to enter the tall building and lifts in order to "stumble upon" the library. The new space looks open with plenty of sunshine and lovely views which is great, just need to be able to get people into the space easily, in a welcoming and inviting way!

Accessibility is limited for people in the community and will therefore cause possible non attendance

Visibility maybe limited from the outside of the building.

adding more info by council on library move to the library social media, adding when the library will be open in the new space. Will the space be accessible for people with disabilities/parents. Will it be accessible for inclusion?

As a disabled man, I would like to stress that it is very important that the library stay accessible to everyone. Please make sure there are the proper accommodations for us disabled folk. Cheers!

As a member of over 40 years, I've seen so many moves and changes. So hopefully my fear will be taken into consideration. I gather with the growth of Wynhdam it is needed. Our library can be a lifeline for many young and old

As a professional designer (Civil Structures), accessibility by all who would like to make use of the library is a major concern when I design community libraries.

As a regular user of the library it forms part of my shopping days. I have lived in Werribee and homeowner for more than 50 years. Council tends to ignore basic council issues at great cost to those who have paid high rates over so many years.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?

As above. Please stay at the current building and move the art center to another place. Make this building as a community center with lots of events like in Manor Lakes community center. It will be very much helpful for elderly people and mums with children. The Art center will fit in the fancy building like Holiday Inn with great view perfectly.

Or else find a place on the Ground or Second floor the most. Don't put us at risk.

First of all, majority of library visitors are mothers with lots of small children and elderly people. These are the most vulnerable people in our society. Imagine, in case of emergency, how long and convenient would it be to evacuate a crowd from level 7 using the stairs down to the ground floor and then outside? Imagine a mum with 3 children with a pram, how will she evacuate? How will disabled evacuate without a lift? Nevertheless, the Holiday Inn is a hotel and office building, with lots of people using electrical appliances like kettles, toasters, etc. within the premises. So the risk of evacuation is quite high. So I would suggest you to pick a place on the 2nd floor. Or the best option is to stay in the current Library building and expand it to the whole floor and move the art center to another place. The art center does not have that much visitors as a library does. I'm sure when you expand the floor there will be much more visitors, because I myself commute to Manor Lakes library, even though I live in Werribee, because it is spacious and is a community center, so there are cafes, immunizations, and lot of events to attend within one building, which is especially convenient for mums with lots of children like me and elderly people, which are your TARGET AUDIENCE. If you move to the 7th floor of the Holiday Inn, it means you are putting the most vulnerable people in our society at risk.

As long as the library stays in the werribee cbd, that's all that matters.

As the Kelly Park community centre is closing it would be great if library rooms were sound proof so dancing groups, choirs and other community groups could use these facilities up till say 9pm at night. Tea & coffee making facilities would be great too.

Asked my daughter who goes to the current library quite frequently- she thinks it is a great idea

Been to many public libraries but never on the 7th floor. Leave library as is and remove cultural centre. Library used by more residents.

Being right opposite from Wyndham Community & Education Centre, I think it would be a benefit to community members who attend the library and often need supports that the library cannot assist with because they can come straight over to Wyndham CEC for further assistance with employment, education/training and settlement needs.

It would also help my role and other employment mentors to be able to meet with clients at the library who need access to computers as often our interview spaces fill up quickly.

Busy location - car parking not always available - have to cross road with my young family of 4 children and a pram, busy intersection and into the lift - ridiculous.

Can't wait till it opens my son and I will be regular visitors

Change is inevitable, but I am unaware of the reasons for choosing this location which I believe would be geared more towards users who are "upwardly mobile" and might discourage regulars who are used to a quieter, easily accessible community space where they feel relaxed and welcome.

The ongoing costs involved are also unknown generally.

Closer to the train station to walk to it.

Congestion in regards to using the lift and limited parking spaces.

Consider a more suitable location. I agree we need a bigger library but a high rise hotel building for our community is not the best option.

Content with current location

Cost and needs assessment.

Could you look at having creative and stem space in the new library. A movie making or pod casting studio that creative people can book and collaborate. This would remove financial barriers for many community members.

Study and meetings rooms which can be booked would be great.

Council should be providing a purposed built library for our community.

Current library easily accessible and near post office to pay bills, etc closer to supermarkets than proposed library.

Less congested and easier to park. Has two entrances for entry and exit.

Closer to the River to go for a walk.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?
Current library is closer to schools/town centre. Many people don't like parking structures - can feel dangerous/intimidating - especially in the evening. Concerns about accessibility for disabled patrons. You haven't mentioned placing the library on the 7th floor, near a drug/alcohol mental health centre. Do patrons frequent these offices? So little information has been given, this leads me to think this is fate attempt. The current library is clearly seen from Watton Street - draws people in, especially young people. Consideration needs to be given regarding evacuation from 7th floor library, disabled patrons, mums with young children. No lift access in case of fire/emergency. Convenience of current library. Complements theatre space and vice versa.
Current library offers a very young family friendly space for activities and services. It is the best library service and location currently offered and must not be relocated
Current library space offers excellent service and very user friendly. Located close to other businesses frequently used
current location is convenient to tie into other activities.
Difficulty to access for elderly and children
Disability access and parking
Do we need to move? How much capacity used is the current library at any point in time? I rarely see it even at 50% utilisation capacity. Would be lovely if we will be provided that data alongside this survey.
Does the increased space mean that there will be more books?
Doesn't support education and learning for young children if they never walk past a public library.
Don't move the library for the gallery!! Move the gallery for the library! Attend to the needs of many (library patrons) not the few (gallery patrons).
Don't change the beautiful cultural, easy access to the existing library. As a local, the existing library has all the needs for everyone. One level, easy off street access and parking.
Don't spend 7 million on the arts. Spend it on the library
Don't waste our money
Evacuations will happen as food places surround buildings and fire & smoke issues will occur. People staying in hotels have kitchens in some rooms - again smoke issues/burn food - evacuations. How do you get to ground floor? Walk 7 flights of stairs? No! No! No! No! What about elderly/disabled people?
Extend hours during evening. Please open Sundays, need study rooms.
Generally, the current location is more visible and integrated in the overall precinct frequented by pedestrian traffic, hence, does attract people who are not necessarily looking for the library to pop in and give it a try. The elderly, disabled and parents with children have street access now but would need to use lifts to access the new location. Guess it would need extensive, ongoing, clear signage and advertising in and around the building to make the community aware of the new location.
Good to see that the carpark has a dedicated bicycle parking area. I hope to see additional PCs in use there.
Great idea as the current library does not have enough room for rhyme time etc with a growing community
Great idea? Nothing in between? I think that despite having available parking, some people will be reticent about using this style of parking and feel intimidated by the entry and exit mode.
Ground or 1st floor is Mothers & Elderly preference to a Library.
Happy to do this survey, but I don't believe it will have any influence on the decision to move the library. But what I do believe is that it's great that Werribee will again get a library that reflects the importance in the community. I do not like that it will be accessed by lifts- I have just recently been made aware of how many people this is a real problem for.
Hard to find, also the fact of accessibility being 7th floor will get congested during busy times and if elevator breaks down could be a problem.
Has there been growth in the Werribee library usage ? Where has this growth come from ? Are these needs in tune with the long term growth of the Wyndham area - or would more smaller library's be more appropriate. Is it aligned within the 20 minute suburb goal ?
Hate the thought. Not a good move. 1. Live local and just enjoy walking into the library Don't like going up multistory carpark I won't enjoy going to the library anymore if it's moved. So probably won't go. Just the thought of me puts it off.
Having rooms for the community to use is a great idea. I have been out to the Craigieburn library and it is a fantastic space for all of the community.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?

Having the library continue to share a space with the culture & art hub of Werribee (Theatre/Cultural Centre & Community Art Space) makes sense. An intimate library is a safe environment - bigger isn't always better!

Having to use a lift to access the Library. Will it have its own entrance to the building. Using a multi storey Carpark to attend a Library? There is not ample street parking. This is a very busy main Road. What does the Hotel think of having numerous students accessing the area after School.

Hi I am xxxx and have been a community volunteer for some forty years in the City of Wyndham, which I call home.
I am impressed with the calibre of the Wyndham City Council and its staff and think they do an outstanding job on behalf of our citizens. Nothing but praise from me.
I would like to know what the plans are for the 'old' library and if council could expand the art gallery and finally display a permanent art display of the community art collection and how I can have an influence in the process. I must elaborate that for the past forty years I have been an art and antique dealer at the high end of the market, and have a substantial library of reference books myself. I am keen to bequest (donate) several very good indigenous artwork to our community collection from my own collection.

Hoping there will be more secure bike parking.

I agree that the library needs to move from its current, crowded location but not to the space being proposed.

I am a grandparent of two children who live in Werribee. I mind both children 2 afternoons a week. I have been taking both grandchildren to the Werribee Library for ~ 6 years. The staff there are wonderful and the creative options for children and adults are good. Services are however hampered by lack of space. The move is absolutely necessary and the proposed site is ideal except for the reduction in parking options. I am a retired teacher librarian and a published author so love libraries and what they have to offer

I am a teenage girl who doesn't want to share a lift with others - what if a person with mental health is in the lift with me? I'd freak out!

I am always weary of public facilities like this located in a multi-storey building. What contingency are there in place if the lifts are not working? How will people with mobility issues access the space. I do like the idea that the space is bigger though and that parking will be free for library users for the first 3 hours which should be more than enough time for anyone wanting to use the meeting rooms.

I am an employee of Wyndham City Libraries. I'm not sure if we're allowed to respond to this survey but I support the relocation and think a bigger space is desperately needed.

I am in favour provided the space is fully accessible to the community and parking remains free. It appears that the current proposal addresses these concerns so I think it would be wonderful.

I am not completely against the idea, I just have some reservations and maybe would like to know a bit more about the logistics, and also why the move is proposed (and why to the hunter building). I do wonder if there might be space within the cultural Centre for the library to expand.

I am not pro the holiday inn building as such. I am pro move the library out of the cultural centre

I believe the current location / size etc of the current Werribee library is not sufficient for the increase in the population. However a better solution is required.

I didn't even know Werribee had a Library after living here for 4 years, but I drive past these on my way to work every day and would love to pop in to the new building. I think the exposure of such a high traffic area would help more people like me be more aware of the library and its resources

I do not like the move at all. Keep the library where it is now. I object strongly to this move.

I don't believe the location is easier to get to - much more congested at that end of town
There is no street facing interaction
The library could get "lost" - large, "out there" signage required - is this possible in this location?
A bit more complicated to get to for someone who just wants to borrow books
Will there be an after hours return chute at ground level?
Parking could be difficult for people needing to spend more than three hours, i.e. students, hobbyists, staff

I don't even want the cultural centre to be renovated. Why mess with a good thing? Just leave it alone.

I don't like it as I won't be able to come here after surgery on foot. I would rather it not move as it's harder for me to come by.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?

I don't like that the library would be on the 7th floor within some random building. I don't want to have to use a lift to get to the library. Why would you want to shut it away out of site & cut it off from the community. I think it would be difficult to locate and market the library if you moved to this location.

I think the proposed new location would be bad for people suffering from anxiety. It would feel closed off and trapping. And the lift use would be problematic as well. Obviously there would also be stairs as an option, but 7 flights is too much for a lot of people, especially people with mobility issues.

If you did move you would have to either take or create a new book wall. It is such a great feature in the current library space, and really sets it out from the other library branches. It gives it character and a soul.

I don't understand why the library needs to move in the first place. Neither the library nor the cultural centre should be moved to this proposed site - I am sure this would never be suggested for the cultural centre, so why suggest it for the library? Moving the library here would turn it into an extreme version of the Hoppers Crossing library, where the parking is a nightmare, the lift is constantly out of order and the library itself is invisible to the passing public.

I frequent the Gillard library with my children. I like the openness, and the little hubs for reading and studying and the childrens area. Point Cook has that same appeal however parking not as nice. Werribee needs that openness feel to it. The increase in natural light, the improvement in resources.

I have been a patron for 35 years, you know the population has increased. Why do we get left behind? Just increase the space, make it one level and accessible for everyone.

I have lived in Werribee for most of my life, and the library and its services are very dear to me. I have been hoping for a long time that the library would get a much needed expansion, to keep up with our huge population, but it seems that the library keeps getting overlooked by the council time and time again in favour of other projects. Please propose a different site on ground level, or please expand the current library. Why not add a level to the current library, or expand over Kirrip Wurrung Biik, which is essentially just a barren concrete space that no one ever uses? Or revamp the old community centre near Kelly Park, and put the library there? I just feel that what you're offering is not a practical solution and not what the community needs and deserves, and what we have deserved for so long. Please consult with the library staff on this matter and actually speak to library patrons face to face - I'm sure many of them don't know about this online survey.

I hope a bigger and more versatile space also results in more community activities offered in the space

I hope that they make some areas for the people in wheelchairs accessible.

A Parents/Children's toilet.

I like where it is

I literally used to travel to Hoppers Crossing Plaza to use the library - make it more central yet accessible and I'm all yours

I love current library the way it is, where it is. Everything about that.

It has free parking for whole day. Either at new location, Person needs to pay after 3 hours there. Or leave. I know it's difficult to find parking at current location.. Because same space is being used by other businesses. If parking was the main concern then allocating current parking only for Library, would have been better option.

Its proximity to local coffee. Near to road, yet away from disturbance. At its current location it's accessible with ease, it's there in inviting sense. About views, I believe hotel, Air BnB should be all about views. Not a library. Library is a place for immersing in reading, away from hustle bustle. Most of the big libraries has window curtain and sky lights. Just allow outside light to come in.

Road crossing, it's easier to cross road at its current location, away from rushing traffic. Especially road separating Australia Post and library, it's much easier to cross. Not at new proposed location.

Fall, slip, and dizziness is common issue among elderly. Keeping in mind elderly comes for meet up, knitting classes, parents with kids comes for rhymes session, crossing road should be a big consideration factor too.

Space- if space was main concern. Library was surrounded by other Wyndham project/activities halls/rooms/space. To increase the space allocating other spaces to Library and making a one big space would have been a better move.

Bus stops in proximity to current library too.

Not happy with moving the Library. Big or small, libraries should not be moved like educational institutions school/college. Yeah, space can always be added to existing.

Thanks for reading.

I love everything about the present location and do not wish to see it moved.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?

I love going to library in werribee. My kids love doing activities there and people very nice and kind too. But this is very small library. I wish it can be bigger and more things for kids.

I moved here in Werribee 4 years ago but never know where is the old library. Would be great if there will be obvious signs to point to the new library once the transfer is complete.

I regularly drive past that carpark and it often says there's only a few car parks left. Is there a guarantee there would be parking in the building? Because the next closest is Cherry St.
Also please make sure there is a returns chute easily accessible. I frequently use it after hours to return books and can park right out the front (I do my returns out of business hours)
I live in Wyndhamvale but Werribee is my preferred library(over Manor Lakes) as I do most of my "business" in Werribee

I think a public library should be at ground level at the very least to feel a part of the community so I don't think this is a very good idea.

I think I have addressed all. Council do not look after our older people and this is causing a lot of concern. These older people have worked hard in this city. Please do not take away another benefit from them

I think in general it would be a big step up from the current library space. The only caveat I have is that it is on level 7 instead of ground level and is not directly on Watton St. This may deter spur of the moment walk ins, especially those with kids as it feels a bit out of the way - out of sight, out of mind. If there was really good signage and entrance on ground level to invite you in then I feel that would help with this issue.
I do however like that it is closer to the station area and I hope it helps this area to become more popular with community feel just like the area around the current library space (current library space feels very connected to the park bridge community space).

I think it's a great idea, it means I don't have to walk as far from werribee station and I would visit more if there was more in the library. I live closer to werribee library but I use the hoppers crossing site more often as it has more capacity and requires less walking from the plaza bus stop. Walking is sometimes difficult for me and I don't drive so the move would make it much easier for me.

I think the new library should be in a central location which is serviced by the trains and buses.and should have a street level frontage and access.

I think the only concern is being on the 7th floor - which means people reliant on the lift. A ground floor location is more easily accessible. Ground floor is also more inviting to passers by.

Location is better for proximity to public transport and also easier for high school students.

I think the proposed space brings so much additional resources to the community. It can be made really inviting and welcoming. There is a need for some visible street signage to help people find it.

I think this is a brilliant move.
And I hope that the space where the library currently is will be utilised for an equally good idea.

I think this is a great solution given there's probably not a lot of other options in the immediate Werribee City Centre for the relocation of the library. Although I visit the library infrequently, I wouldn't want to see it go completely from the city centre.

I watch the city and the lifts break down constantly. It will occur. Space is too big - no other library in Wyndham has limited parking such as this.

I will be so disappointed if the library is moved. I enjoy the location, walking to the cafes located close by or sitting in the area outside. Checking the box office to see what's on after a library visit

I will love to do storytelling sessions for kids.

I will support the move if there is no further cost to the community eg, moving from a building owned by the council into a commercial entity and paying rent.

I work in Geelong, and the Geelong library always seems to have great adult workshops after work hours.

Werribee library is dead in comparison.

Hopefully the larger facilities would help bring new programs and workshops for after 5pm for adults.

I work in the community sector. Alot of people are financially suffering. This upgrade is not required in this moment.
Channel the financial resources to support the community - like bringing down the rates, etc.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?

I would actually prefer to see it located to a site that is not quite so busy traffic wise. I have had to visit small businesses in that area a few times in the last 6 months and it is just so busy at that intersection.

I would be very upset to have this move approved.
The lack of visibility is very concerning especially within a multicultural and low income demographic that already needs encouragement to attend a library and to read/read to their children.
Education and literacy are more important than a larger capacity. Capacity won't matter if there's a decrease in attendance.

I would like a convenient drop off, so that you don't have to ride up the elevator just to drop off books

I would like add some community language books such as Chinese which I always read but I can't find any community language books in Werribee branch, English-Chinese study
Books, Picture dictionaries, English skill studies, oet and some more books like dog man and captain underpants

I would like the council to be transparent about how the holiday inn operates and who stays there in crisis accommodation, i feel like leaving this information out is being underhanded.

I would like to see councils responses published and distributed to all residents so that the public are more aware of what our council is committing residents to pay and be held more accountable. It's easy when it's not their money.

I would like to see some practical facilities implemented with the extra space. Something like a workshop with public 3d printers, so that people can use the library to fix or create things. It would make the computers much more useful, and classes could be made to encourage kids to participate in arts and engineering.

I would like Words in the West brought back, as it was cancelled due to the Annex being repurposed.

I would not feel comfortable accessing this library as it will be like the library at Pacific Werribee. Wheelchair users can't exit the building in the event of a blackout or a fire, etc.

I would support a move to a larger location for Werribee Library but I do not believe that the Hunter building is the correct location for this type of service. This building is also at the busiest traffic intersection in Werribee! Moving to the Hunter building would mean putting library services on the seventh floor and creating unnecessary accessibility issues for parents, older residents and people with a disability. I also think that people needing a library will find it challenging to even locate a library up on the seventh floor of a building. I don't know of any other place/suburb that would put a much loved and highly valued community service in such a terrible location . Most libraries I know of are prominent, easily identified and provide services at ground level. This makes them very accessible to all members of their communities, as they should be. It's a shame that Wyndham Council doesn't seem to value libraries in the same way.

I'm worried that the space will not feel inviting or accessible. Going up an elevator to somewhere you have been before is okay, but how will nervous or first timers feel about needing to head somewhere unseen?

Pedestrian access on Synnot St can be cold and intimidating due to both the winds and traffic. It could make families with young children nervous.

Will the lifts be shared with Hotel patrons?

How will library staff be supported if trouble occurs in a space that is now physically limited by lifts and stairs? Wyndham Library Services already deal with multiple issues each week from people confusing them as a "fix anything" place; adding in the location restriction could make incidents feel much worse.

What security and support will be provided for the staff? They already cop it from people and need to deal with members of the public far beyond their remit as librarians or council staff.

How will access to the balconies be really, really secured? Children and seven floors do not mix.

I've indicated my support for this new location, however it would have been helpful to understand if there are any other locations being considered. Is this option a financial viable option?

I'd be concerned over how long the library is closed. Also I'd miss the mermaid mural.

I'd prefer to add a floor to the current library

If the holiday inn requires a tenant to occupy floor space to pay the rent then the council shouldn't have approved such a construction which destroyed not only height restrictions in the area but also value carparking.

If would be great if the accessible bathroom had an adult sized high low table. Ideally a changing places style bathroom.

My daughter loves attending the early years story and rhyme times but she's 4 years old and too big for the baby change facilities. At the moment we have to change her on the floor of the current disabled bathrooms.

There are no other options in Werribee other than werribee zoo and the plaza. Having more accessible bathroom options allow for a wider range of people being able to use the Werribee Library.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?
I'm onboard for larger library space, but under cover parking is harder to navigate and that street to access the parking is busy and it's hard to get in there at times.
In all the years i have never seen the library overcrowded. There is good parking adjacent. The cost and ongoing rental could be better spent
Is it 🤫 quiet
Is the cost to re-create this worth the benefits of increased size?? Can the money be better spent to help the overall community not just a small portion? If it goes ahead, please make sure there is a public toilet in there. Some people spend long periods of time there and there are also activities for children and you never know when they are going to need a toilet.
Is the culture center(existing library) a council owned building? If so is it staying council owned.
Is the increased footprint truly library space? Or all the rooms and multipurpose areas shown? The size increase is misleading as it implies the library/book/gathering areas space is increasing.
Is the parking available all the time of the day?
Is their any reason why the current building cant be renovated and extended? These 200 people... when are they around. After school is a handful of school kids during the day it's quiet unless rhyme time ect are running.
Is there enough parking to accomodate patrons of the library as well as the holiday inn?
Is there scope within the floor plan to enable any of the community or meeting rooms to be soundproofed that could also used as a bookable space students and local artists etc that may benefit from a small rehearsal or recording space? The Docklands library has rooms like this which are great
It appears to be an improved location with better parking; one of the main reasons I rarely visit this library branch. With added community rooms I am looking forward to increasing my use of Werribee Library
It is about time the Werribee CBD Library needs an upgrade! Every school holiday, we have to visit a bigger library such as Manor Lakes or Point Cook because the old Werribee CBD Library cannot accommodate the activity like the Mad Science Show (we have to travel to Hoppers Crossing Plaza Library). Further, unlike the other libraries, the old Werribee CBD library does not have a dedicated quiet area. Quiet area is important specially for noisy activities within the library. Moreover, I don't see any harm with moving the library to 22 Synnot Street. I just don't see why people complain with the 3P Parking, this is just the same with the old library parking! I hope the Werribee library will have more options for book such as Bi-Lingual story time (a Filipino one) like the one they have in Manor Lakes for Karen's. Just to add, a Bi-Lingual book with Filipino Story or a Filipino Story time will be a bonus too!
It is disappointing that council is considering moving the library from this great location. It appears the council's priority is the gallery, which often completely empty when I attend the library. Wyndham council needs to prioritize the majority of residents not the small minority.
it is excellent idea for everyone in wyndham City - for community and kids, shops ,and i think the most big and Safe parking on site
It really can't be that difficult to identify a more appropriate location for the Library. Don't underestimate how many people value a public library. And why are you bothering to renovate the entrance/exit of the current site if you don't want the Library there? Stop wasting money.
It will be great if it has more photocopy machines.
It will not be central for everyone to access when you go shopping in the Main Street. The council is trying to keep Werribee going. Not just with eateries. But I am sure the council will just do whatever it has already planned.
It would be nice for the children's area to have more functional learning toys.
It would be nice if werribee library could have its own purpose built space so it can be larger and still accomodate all aspects. But prefer not to move as it is has become a part of Werribee's landscape and culture
It would reduce the parking for the station, as you already removed the car park there this creates another parking issue. Also points as raised above.
It's a very busy area / intersection, is the location going to be as accessible as the current one? It's highly likely to scare off people. Not everyone wants to park in a multi level car park. It won't be an easy car park to get out of - due to the high traffic. The current library is in the quieter area of Werribee, especially to park.
It's easier access for elderly and children where the library is at the moment

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?
It's going to take a lot longer to drop off or collect reserved items. Currently it's so easy
It's less accessible, more annoying to get to, more distanced from cafes/art gallery/etc.
It's not as easy to access as the current location, but I support a bigger library space.
It's not visible to public.
I've never been to the current Werribee library because the location is not close, or easy to get to. I definitely would go visit the new library if it was moved to the Hunter building. Easy accessibility, parking in the building is easy and accessible, undercover and easy lift access. The view will be a wonderful bonus.
Just hoping that the powers that be have considered extra parking as the new premises are bigger, therefore attracting more business to the library, therefore necessitating more parking space. I know that the proposed new premises for the library will have more parking than the current premises, but, will it be enough for the forecasted increase in visits to the new library.
Just very worried about the parking
Just want to say it's a great idea. Great use of space
Just worried as the building is seen as a hotel and it's busy traffic wise around this area and you would have to be very clear on how to get up to the library as most people won't know it is there unless you can put a big sign downstairs out the front so you can't miss it ?
Lack of consultation. More information on the proposed space
Less visibility Library will lose it's community environment located up in a high rise building. Council is out of touch with what residents want. Older residents will use less
Libraries are busy places and to rely on lifts to transport prams and wheelchairs and students and the elderly is quite a bizarre idea.
Libraries have changed in the past decade the current facility is in a strong need an upgrade. Culturally, libraries will always serve an important function as a meeting place for student and personal study and housing reference documents. The Geelong waterfront Deakin University library is a good example of a modern library as it showcases how a modern library can function. I and my young family would personally go to the library more monthly for if the facility had modern functions.
Libraries MUST be on Street level. Not all readers are agile school children who can manage stairs.
Libraries need to be visible from the street. The area in front of the library is a waste of space and an eyesore.
library is better located on the ground floor (convenient for disabled people, elderly and students)
Library should be more bigger.
Lifts are a problem, traffic is a problem. Very busy. Werribee library in a perfect place where it is
Lifts Happy with current space Worried about getting stuck in the lift
Like existing site for its ease of parking small premises, it feels a happy area to come get books and use computers.
Longer hours, open on a Sunday
Love the current space, so easy with a young toddler to access.
Love the idea and using an existing space rather than looking for a site and building new. This way move could happen sooner, rather than a long way down the track
Love this idea
Melbourne libraries are hiring social workers to assist and support the vulnerable people in their communities. If there is a bigger library space, I hope new jobs are considered for social workers.
Modernise it to the best possible to cater for growing population of the city too aspiring for Werribee an integrated Education, Library and business oriented skills for residents and visitors alike.
More activities for babies. Also educational programs or special events would be great
More community spaces are desperately needed in Werribee. This is a fantastic idea!
More ebooks please.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?
More lifts needed. Please ensure accessibility for prams, parent facilities are also considered
More rooms/ equipment or programs IT education Author talks Current library has outgrown its venue, especially for the population/growth of CBD
More space in central Werribee is great for the library and users, particularly the extra computers and meeting rooms. Also frees up the old library for possible larger arts/exhibition space
More space to work / study / meetings please !!! And thank you ! So excited for a bigger library!
Move to a lease situation is so short sighted. Present location ideal at Arts Centre, parking, cafes, park. Only needs refreshed & extended if more space needed. So sad that we're not thinking long term about how we could maintain a cost free facility.
My concern with parking is that it is sometimes difficult to park there when using it for the restaurant. Unless there is more parking provided than currently, then I don T think parking will be ample and will be in fact difficult.
My main objection is that community services and spaces should sit in a position that is so prominent and very accessible so that the most vulnerable person, who really needs it and has the most limited skills to access it, knows about it and feels like they can walk in there. I'm not sure that the 7th floor of a hotel/office building is a welcoming space that is inclusive and accessible; in fact one could argue it creates a significant barrier (cultural, linguistic and class) to access for some groups of people. If the community doesn't go there or can't go there it is a failure to the community. And quite frankly, still can't find the entrance to the Hoppers Crossing Library at Pacific Werribee... must be quiet in there. Where as PCTC community centre people in and out all day, every day. Ground floor, well signed, well serviced, anyone can walk in no barriers.
My only concern is for the elderly who actually use it getting into the car park given it is a busy intersection and that the car parking will be filled quickly and you actually won't get to park there to use it which is a problem for the elderly and physically challenged or with very young children around the intersection may be an issue if you need to walk to the building crossing the road
My only concern is the issue with the lifts. At the holiday inn if you park in the multi-storey you have to travel down to level 1, change elevators then go back up to level 7. There no direct lift to the upper levels from the car park for some strange reason other than the service elevator which is for employees only
My son would love it to have: - A big chess set - A secret DnD room (behind a bookshelf or near/behind the reception) - A wider selection of information books and documentaries
NA
Needs to have unlimited parking and be accessible at all times to all patrons, lifts can break but ground floor libraries are consistently accessible. Ground floor buildings are also safer from an emergency perspective e.g fire / aggressive behaviour which I've been witness to at Werribee library and it has been quite scary.
Nice view but stupid location - 7th floor - I get claustrophobic being in closed locations and travelling up lifts.
No one will be able to see that there is a library in this building. Knowing that a library is on the 7th floor will require lots of guesswork. It is located within a hotel! That is NOT a usual space for a library. Expecting lots of families to visit a library especially for a Rhyme Time or a Babytime will be a problem with the lifts. In the case of an emergency you will have a big problem getting them all out with babies, small children and prams. This is a business section of Werribee where a library would not be expected to be. I would like Council to build a permanent place for the Werribee library that is owned by Council and not have them paying exhorbitant rental fees.
Not a friendly atmosphere. Too hard in general for elderly people. Will get confused with so many floors. Will be difficult to get to and hidden away. Not good.
Not as good as current location
Not everyone likes accessing lifts. Elderly people in scooters etc will I think be disadvantaged.
not liking the area location
Not much parking available for library users
Not necessary
Not needed and would not be utilised enough to justify costs
Not supporting
Not too sure if it will be big enough.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?

Older people and those living with a disability may have trouble finding it and accessing it - especially if its on level 7

On numerous occasions I have driven around Watton street 3x without finding a car park in the middle of the day
This indicates visiting the proposed new library by car the only option would be to park in the Hunter Building

I and other residents feel nervous and unsafe about parking in a multi level car park and my safety should be a concern in the proposal

I feel 3 hours parking for free is just an enticement by Wyndham Council to have residents agree with this proposal

I'm not persuaded or convinced the Wyndham Council will keep the free 3 hours car parking in place in the future

With a growing community I envisage paid parking will be enforced in due tie disadvantaging members of the community accessing the facilities at the proposed location

on such a busy corner with dark below building parking and on 7th floor is not an attractive option for me. Please consider people with disabilities, young mums with prams etc. Please consider those with anxiety of heights and dark underground parking!!!

only be used for years have to move again cost

This library area can be made bigger cost involved keep moving library costs money for ratepayers

parking

Parking, late start to programs. Eg prams accessing lifts, safety - trapped in lifts

Perhaps council need to look at functionality rather than glamour of council spaces

Please consider universal design and sensory needs when designing the space.

A calm retreat space with sensory items would be a great addition for neurodivergent library users.

Please create a small relaxed meeting room (more like a lounge room than a board room).

Have online booking system for all community rooms.

Please do it

PLEASE DO IT LIFE WOULD BE EASIER

Please DO NOT move the library to this location.

Please do not move the Werribee library.

Please don't move

Please don't move. Better to build another library in a different part of werribee.

Please ensure it's easy for pram to enter/exit as that's what I like about the current location. It does feel like the library is part of the community, welcoming and easy to enter especially for families with small kids. Please consider the same vibe for the new location

Please keep the current Werribee Library where it is. Use the room at the front of the building if you need more space

Please leave the library where it is

Please leave things as they are.

Please offer more children's programmes. Larger spaces will benefit this.

Please open on Sundays

Please provide plenty of comfortable armchairs scattered around the new library to allow quiet spaces for users to sit and peruse the books.

Perhaps the use of gentle relaxing music over speakers will add to the ambiance and pleasure of going to the library (similar to that heard in spas and health retreats).

Please take on board the response against this move and not just have this survey as a formality as in "We have requested feedback via a survey so this is all we have to do to look like we are doing the right thing". Please listen to your residents so in turn the council and councillors will build more respect which is seriously required.

please update with timelines.

Plenty of empty community rooms at many local community centres so don't believe that we need more.

Present location of arts and library creates a 'culture' hub - extension on back of present building not possible? Or up?

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?

Reeducation for community groups - if you plan on using this as bookable space in place of places like the Kelly Park community centre I suggest communicating this to people, and the benefits of it, also including the differences between the spaces. It's not clear on the floor plan whether these spaces will have walls, or if the two spaces are able to be combined to form a larger space, which may be useful for larger groups.

I also think you'll need to extend opening hours so this space is accessible for longer periods ie Sundays, and place the borrowed items chute somewhere accessible 24 hours a day.

I think it's a good idea as it's clearly some that isn't being used, and will mean the library becomes more of a hub for the Werribee community.

Right now, the library is rather loud when there are children around, so having more space might help with that - I would consider visiting more often if it was quieter

Risk of flooding from above floors
Higher risk of fire
Evacuation problems with disabled and elderly

Rotten idea - no

See above

Sell the useless space back to the greedy developer and use the money to update the existing library or use the space as a permanent Art Gallery, Information Centre and accommodation all in one building which would benefit the hotel in many ways.

Should be ground level. This option needs a proper thorough risk assessment done. How do folk with a disability get down if lifts aren't working. The carpark is hard to navigate with only one lift

Since it can only accessed by lift, building maintenance will need to be able to act quickly when lift is not working.

Security for the hotel may provide some challenges as well.

Sounds ideal - Werribee library is definitely due an upgrade as it's by far the smallest of the branches now

Space sounds great but putting it on 7th floor means accessibility is completely reliant on power/lifts. What happens in event of fire or other emergency, when lifts cannot be used? Many patrons could not manage seven flights of stairs!

Stupid idea

Synnot st and that corner are just such a different experience of werribee. It's high traffic block and lacks safety

I think the elevator access is limiting. And I'd not want to enter this new location via the carpark or an elevator not knowing who I'd be trapped in there with.

The high visibility of the library in the current location means it attracts clientele, easy off street access is inviting and its connection to the cultural centre makes it feel like an arts hub in our beautiful Watton st.

Taking away a location which is just perfect and move it to the 7th floor!! Who thought up this idea?

Tenure and cost need to be transparent to community

Terrible idea! As said above.

That part of town is always busy and the car park is not friendly to all sized vehicles. It is not friendly for people with limited mobility which is why we had to stop going to the restaurant there.

The focus seems to be on anything but the collection. If there are more rooms it will be noisier even than the current one which is not a pleasant place to be on screaming kids days.

the best place is for the library to stay where it is currently located. Parking is great and I don't have to go into Werribee Shopping area where there are crowds of people and lots more traffic.

The car park is already full from 8am until 5pm Mon-Fri, as is surrounding street parking. A nearby car park would need to be made multi-level to help address this.

The cost

The cost of this is such a waste of council rates

The current library doesn't have a good structure for parents with babies, there is no place to feed babies and no change table!! :(The new place really needs this support for parents, maybe a nice parents room with some toys for toddlers? Would be amazing

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?

The current location of the library is perfect and the large children's area is great. Other libraries in Wyndham don't have large children's areas. Underground parking is hard for older people and more involved than the current street parking that we currently have. Lifts are harder with wheelchairs and prams. If there is ever an emergency the lifts won't be accessible and I for one would have difficulty walking down flights of stairs. We were told that the Werribee Library would just be upgraded once the culture centre was upgraded. I think the decision is purely financial, someone wants to use the current library space for another purpose. that will bring more financial benefits. The current size of the Werribee library caters for the community that it serves. I have never found it crowded. It doesn't need to be bigger. The bigger angle is just dangling a carrot to get people to be happy with the move. I for one will not be happy with the Werribee Library being located in the Hunter Building. For me it will have no added benefits. I am sure the children's area will be small like other libraries in Wyndham and accessibility will be harder for me. I don't support the proposed move and I am happy with the current Werribee Library location and the services that it offers myself, my family and other community members.

The current space & staff are excellent.

The current space is so convenient and good and we can always walk to Coles and Tuckers from the library

The Holiday Inn is a lovely modern building and the library would be an asset

the library definitely needs a new home.

The most important thing to me is that the library can serve the community and be resourced as needed. If this move will allow that, it sounds great!

The multi park is often full and some people do not like multi store parks. The current location caters for everyone

The proposed quiet/study space appears significantly smaller than other designated spaces. It seems insufficient.

The relocation is necessary as this area is booming and needs more services as well more space in general. Also the expansion of the current timetable with more baby time/rhyme time slots would be a good addition.

The seventh floor is just too far away!

The space looks great and an increase in capacity is good to encourage more use of libraries. I would like to see more study spaces though, the silent study rooms seems very small compared to the other rooms.

I also have reservations about the future costs to ratepayers because I don't know who owns the building and what lease terms the Council would be entering into for the space.

The structure of the building may not be designed to take the weight of library shelves full of books. Also escaping from an upper level of an office type building in a fire or emergency evacuation would be difficult for children and the elderly or disabled
Level 7 is not a walk up level, so school groups would find it difficult to get up to level 7 in a big group. Would a bus be able to drop off people at the front door? I would prefer the community centre in Kelly Park be reserved for a larger library building. It could occupy several levels in height with an internal lift to community rooms and study areas. Connecting retail and housing areas planning around the city centre. Look at this public facility as a whole public magnet, central and walk in. Allow for cafe space open to a park for parents meeting or picking up children. Allow playgrounds and market/ craft shop at ground level with shade and picnic areas for outdoor activity, community sessions. A bus stop to pick up children from excursions to the learning precinct! Remember a library also serves isolated people who come to just sit in a sunny place and read a magazine for a few hours.

A vision for the future..... not just a library in a silo a library for our rapidly growing community.

The top end (Station Place) end of Watton Street and Synnot Street is always very busy - so I prefer the Werribee Library where it is. I also prefer on street parking and enjoy walking from my parking near the library to the shops at the end of Synnot Street.

The traffic leaving the area in peak traffic time in the afternoons is challenging.

There is a lot of pressure on parking in the precinct which concerns me. Also how will accessibility be addressed?

There is no space in the carpark currently on most days and virtually no spare on street parking. It can take several frustrating circles of the block to find a space. The library in this building will only exacerbate the situation affecting ability to shop in nearby shops. I would need to shop elsewhere.

There is nothing to gain from this move except the view, space is too too big and suited for an office environment and no matter how many walls and partitions are erected, it is very clinical with the low roof line enclosed and stifling.

Libraries need to be at street level for transparency to everyone including those who don't know the library is there but need them.

This is a great idea. it's near the train station as well.

This location is prime, it really does feel like it would help service the needs of Werribee well and provide a facility to all that will be used. The vacant space left on Wedge St could also suffice in servicing the needs of those displaced from Kelly Park. It's a similar shape and size and would be FAR more attractive (and practical) as a community hall space. There are theatre and dance groups that regularly perform in the Cultural Centre next door, it could also be very useful as a consultation space for future council feedback, a town hall space for community gatherings and community action groups.

It's worth noting that the old library sites potential use as a hall would be a nice touch in terms of the history of the site, the old Mechanics Hall on this corner had a really important community function with many gatherings, dances and social events. Seems fitting.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?

This place is spacious and convenient for all age groups. Once you enter the place you don't leave the place due to its ambiance.

This would be such a bold move for Wyndham to prioritise education and wellbeing of its inhabitants. Bravo!

Too hard for the elderly in buggies and electric scooters, with walking sticks etc. Also lifts can and do break down

Traffic - large intersection to cross

unfortunately the location tends to come to stand still. I find it impossible now, I don't want any more vehicles around that area. Consider the traffic if moved

Usually attend current location late morning, hardly anybody inside. Computer area is always occupied, few mums. Never have parking problem, has 2 exit points from car park. How many exit points in new location.

Very bad idea which is amusing.

People will be cranking their necks looking up to find a library.

No one will be bothered coming upstairs to 7th level

We are excited to see the new library with latest stuff and many more. 😊 🍷

We love where the library is now. Please do not move it. Improve it instead and move the arts out.

We need it to stay in it's current location

I'm a Werribee person of 55 years

You moved the information centre which was handy to have at the library and I've never gone up to it's location for a visit

Werribee Library's current location is perfect for kids and young families. There is no real reason to relocate.

What a great space it would be. It would be good for the crafters and students to have their own room space.

What a wonderful opportunity. I LOVE the views. I've lived here for 40 years and have never seen Werribee from this aspect before. I hope it goes ahead, it would be amazing, I'd definitely visit the library more if it was moved here

what do the library staff think

What else in the area will draw people to the library?

What I will miss about the current location is the close proximity to the playground so my kids can have a run around after their library activities.

It would also be nice to have cleaner bathrooms with well maintained baby change tables

What is a 2 minute walk from the station and buses is the Cash Converters site. Perhaps council could use that space as it is at ground level with excellent accessibility and community visibility.

What move? Has this already been decided?

What's the point of having a survey - the decision has already been made to move to the Holiday Inn building - council only paying lip service to the community!

Where the library is located now (Watton St) is fantastic it's accessible for all of the community and at street level for all accessible needs.. I would consider expanding the library space where its located presently (Watton St) it meets all accessibility needs.

Whilst I don't use the existing library due to have an abundance of books, I think the community would benefit with access to more community space and more computers etc.

Why can't the existing library have half the quiet reading bays walled off so they remain quiet when the main room has noisier events? I notice the main area leading to the theatre and gallery spaces is often empty and feel the library could occasionally use this space when hosting larger events. It just takes sensible scheduling. I'm sure the library will lose traffic if moved out of sight. We already have a great central library let's put it to good use. Leave it where it is. I also notice that costs haven't been mentioned. This council tends to have grandiose ideas and residents pay.

Why change it at all?

Why not take over the front part of the library, move the art and temporary exhibitions to another location? Use the whole glass walled space look out onto Watton street. Parking is not a problem. You can always get a park at the cultural centre. Ground floor access is key with children. I feel safe with them going ahead. We love to have an after on the wooden seating. Reconfigure the existing building. Much better use of money and time.

Why waste all this money

When there are other major concerns in Wyndham

That money could go to rebuilding senior citizens building

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON / ADD?
Will we still have access to 24hr drop box?
With easier parking I would actually join and use the library.
Wonderful idea.
Work in the city where lifts constantly break down. It would be awful to have this occur if there are 800 for a library program in this location and emergency evacuation.
Would community spaces be available for regular hire like for community playgroups or mothers groups?
Would love quiet study space away from children making noise
Would rather upgrade present facility with money used to rent new property and retain a Public facility as a council asset. It is already in a good location and within the Arts Centre so more likely to attract customers. Close to coffee and Post Office, lots of parking through the day, and an upgrade would enhance it. We've already lost a Council facility in the Kelly Park Community Centre, it would be a further degradation of the Community assets.
Would there be a book return on the ground floor?
Wyndham has grown so much over the last 15 years. So to move to a much larger site so more of your residents can utilize and enjoy all that the library will offer I think is a great move, and as there will be lifts to get up to the library there shouldn't be any problems getting there.
Yea I would like to say for anyone like me who has a fear of high's just hope I be ok to come up but not to get to close to the windows.
Yes there is some parking but it is not as convenient as parking at the present location and it is quicker at the moment but at the proposed site you will have to leave your car walk to the lift then you'll reach the library. Imagine pushing a pram and dragging a toddler, too difficult.
Yes, the current location is ideal for POC Office needs, easy access to lovely cafes, to Super markets and OP shops. Not all older residents drive a car so the current location of the library is ideal for those who are walking and who also combine their visit to the library with a little social visit with friends and/ or do some grocery shopping whilst out. And most people do not visit their library for the View!
You've created a cultural centre - the library is part of that. I don't wish to go into a building with a pub in it. Not a good place to take my kids