

What will be inside the new facility?

The community facility is really a one-stop shop that brings together most of the Council's services under one roof. It will include a reception desk where people can make queries and payments as well as several flexible rooms and meeting spaces for hire.

The Council has engaged extensively with the Halswell community, and is delighted to be able to include some of their fantastic ideas. We are still in the final planning stages but so far we have identified the following needs:

- New pool changing rooms, pool control office and BBQ pavilion.
- Large and small meeting rooms for groups to use, with after hours access.
- Customer services facilities.
- Library materials and resources.
- A youth area, a children's area and a comfortable and accessible older persons area.
- A Te Ao Māori space, a local history area and community information area.
- A café with outdoor views (located within the facility).
- A specific area for outdoor community activities like markets and performances.
- Capacity for dance and low-impact fitness activities.

There will be two large venues catering for up to 300 people with kitchen and function centre facilities plus two medium spaces and many smaller meeting rooms. All spaces will be bookable and available to the public and community groups for extended hours (beyond normal library hours). The main hall or "spine" of the facility will be available for use as an exhibition space.

Will there be another chance for us to have a say in the development of this facility?

Yes – another round of community engagement is underway. While the design of the building itself has been finalised, the Council wants to hear the community's views on what sort of services will be available once it opens. If you have a bright idea, you can a) email HalswellCommunityFacility@ccc.govt.nz, b) visit the current Halswell Library at 381 Halswell Road and submit it to our drop-box, or c) ask our friendly library staff.

For more information, including more Frequently Asked Questions, please visit www.ccc.govt.nz/HalswellCommunityFacility or email HalswellCommunityFacility@ccc.govt.nz

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The new Halswell Library and Community Facility



Construction of the Halswell Library and Community Facility – a new community hub including a library, outdoor pool, meeting spaces and a customer service desk – begins in July 2014.

The Council identified that rapid growth in Halswell was underway well before the earthquakes, and this facility has been in the pipeline since 2009. The facility will be located at the site of the popular Halswell Aquatic Centre, and will incorporate the pool alongside a 3000 square metre building housing the library, multipurpose meeting spaces, changing rooms and a customer service desk.

It's expected that the facility will take about 16 months to construct and fit-out, giving the facility a scheduled November 2015 opening.

The Aquatic Centre's main pool and hydrosides will stay open during the summer with temporary changing rooms, toilets, BBQ and staff facilities.

Some trees adjacent to the pool are being removed to make space for the facility and its car park. The Council will be planting 122 trees around the new building to replace them, together with substantial low planting in the landscaped areas.

The total estimated cost is \$23 million. This includes the land purchase, construction and other fees. The existing library, built in 1968, is located in an older building and is too small for the community's needs. The building's future has not yet been decided



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Proposed building -	proposed refuge islands	proposed paved platform	existing tree
cafe/entrance foyer	extent of no stopping line	existing asphalt footpath	proposed tree
library - public	proposed tactile pavers	proposed grit footpath	proposed shrub/hedge
library - work room	P30 30 minute parking only	proposed cycle stand	proposed ground cover
community	disability parking space	picnic table	proposed swale planting
service centre		proposed seat	
pool			

