

## South Library Concept Presentation

### Meeting at the Cashmere Club

### 8 November 2001

**Present:** Andrew Barclay, Nick Chapman, Barbara Clarke, Scott Koopman, Ian McKenzie, Hilary Renfree, Sue Sutherland, 70? members of the public do I need to name Sue Wells and Oscar?

Nick Chapman explained the format of the meeting. Ian McKenzie talked through the timeframe of the project and reiterated that the concept of the building being presented tonight was not the final plan. It still needed to go through the Council process and was the architect's first reaction to the site, the brief and public consultation so far.

More detailed plans were to be developed to present to Council in December.

Andrew Barclay and Scott Koopman presented the concept and talked through the various components. The meeting broke out into groups to gather reaction to the concept and any further issues raised which were then fed back to the whole group.

#### Comments

##### Positive

Wonderful plan, exciting, well done!

Great concept, beautiful building, lovely and light, hard to fault

Great that it is a single storey building –no stairs

Tress are retained

Superb fit on the site

Parking looks sufficient

Like the broken line construction

Great to see natural lighting and air flow

Love the rock wall – great use of stone – should tie in with the Malt House

Great use of the river view

Playground great

Like the entrance away from the river

Building Maintenance System a great idea

Like the separation between areas

Indoor and outdoor areas great

Children's play area a real plus

Like the straight street into the library – good for security

##### Negative

Please don't plant natives on the site with dense foliage – safety issues for many customers

Lots of glass, no colour – could look sterile?

Water in the moat will reflect into the library – reading may be difficult?

Moat could become dirty with rubbish, ducks and detergent – how do you keep the water circulating? Cashmere Club tried a water feature and it didn't work for these reasons

There are safety issues with a moat – could rocks and shrubs be used instead?  
Children can drown in 2 inches of water

Straight street into the library could be “boring”

Is a café necessary? Space could be used for more books etc.

Little or no view of the Port Hills

Building Maintenance Systems are great but what happens during a power outage or if you haven't got it right? Retro fitting of air conditioning will destroy the whole effect – maintenance expensive

Tiles and hard floors can be noisy – book trolleys would need to have rubber wheels

Trees may come down in a storm

All the glass may cause the carpets to fade

What about security of the library materials – easy to get things across the moat

70 car parks may not be enough – where are the staff car parks?

Glass walls between the library and the Learning Centre may distract children

### **Other Issues**

Few people do not want Hunter Terrace entrance closed

Where will the buses go from Hunter Terrace to get back on to Colombo Street?

Is it possible to have another entrance from the river?

Will security cameras be installed?

South entrance can get frosty

How do you heat the building in winter?

Make sure the tiles are not slippery in wet weather

Interior of the building is critical

May need lobby space between doors to take account of the weather from the south

Café noise should not encroach on the quiet of the library

Café food and coffee should be inexpensive

Need space for displays of art etc.

Don't forget baby-changing facilities

How do you stop people escaping over the moat?

Cell phone users – booths for their used or a ban on cell phones

Classrooms may need to consider holding 70 children as many classes can be 30 plus

Is it possible to have solar heating with this roof?

Keep options open for future expansion

Should there be a flagpole?

Could the plan be sent out with the notice before the meeting?

Will there be an opportunity to discuss the Learning Centre Trust?