

4. UPPER RICCARTON COMMUNITY/SCHOOL LIBRARY

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The purpose of this report is to update the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board on the Upper Riccarton School / Community Library Project.

Progress since the July 2003 report to the Community Board includes:

- The appointment of the project consultants
- Feedback gathered from public and stakeholder consultation meetings
- Development of the design concept

Project consultants

Warren and Mahoney have been appointed as the architects and have attended the Project Control Group meetings since September. Shipston Davies have been appointed as the quantity surveyors; Powell Fenwick Consultants for mechanical services and electrical engineering; and City Solutions for structural engineering and landscape design. A resource consent consultant has yet to be engaged.

Consultation meetings

A public consultation meeting was held at the Riccarton Park Function Centre in September. The ideas and feedback from this meeting are recorded on the Upper Riccarton Library website, and have been considered as the design brief has been developed.¹ The Project Control Group appreciated the attendance and support given by community board members at this public meeting.

Workshops have also been held with Riccarton High School students and staff, and primary school staff and students. Feedback has been received from individual members of the community and has been noted in an ideas bank on the website.² A hui was held to seek feedback from Maori.

The next public meeting will be on Monday 24 November. At this meeting the architects will present the design concept and invite feedback and further discussion.

Design concept

Riccarton High School and Christchurch City Libraries have been meeting regularly to progress the partnership both in terms of agreeing on the design requirements, and also in developing the operational management structure and other related issues. Both parties consider that the time spent in these discussions is proving to be extremely valuable, particularly in terms of strengthening the joint vision.

Next steps and timing

We are confident that the programme is on target and that the functional design brief and budget report will be ready for presentation to the Committee in February 2004. It is expected that the project will go out to tender in August 2004 and that the facility will open in December 2005.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairman's

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¹ <http://library.christchurch.org.nz/UpperRiccanton/Planning/PublicMeeting15-09-03-feedback.pdf>

² <http://library.christchurch.org.nz/UpperRiccanton/Planning/IdeasBank.asp>
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