

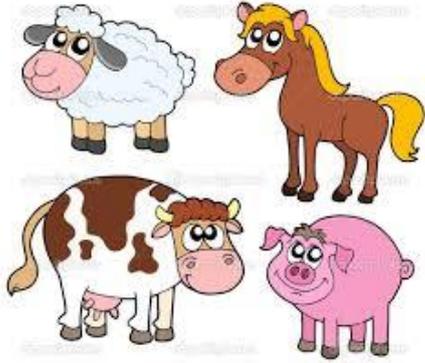
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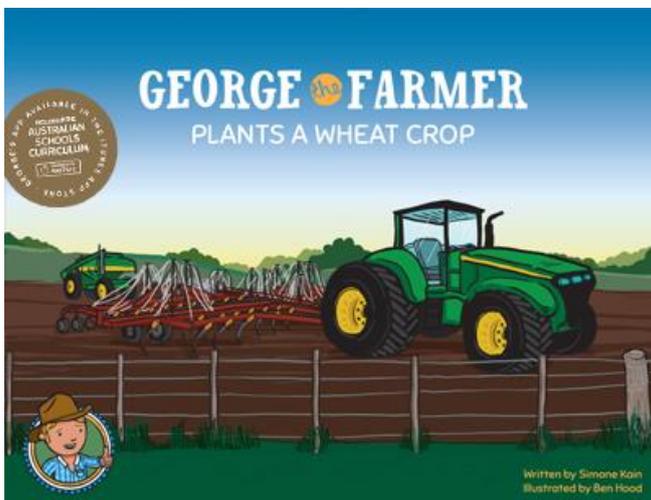
School holiday activities
Wednesday 8th July at 10am



Farm themed story time and activities. Recommended for 3 – 9 year olds. These activities are free but to help us plan bookings are appreciated, either book at the Library or phone 8762 2338.

Children's Author visit
Wednesday 15th July at 10am

Meet Simone Kain and Ben Hood, author and illustrator of the popular Australian children's book "George the Farmer". Enjoy story reading and sing-a-long. This event is free but to help us plan bookings are required, either book at the Library or phone 8762 2338.



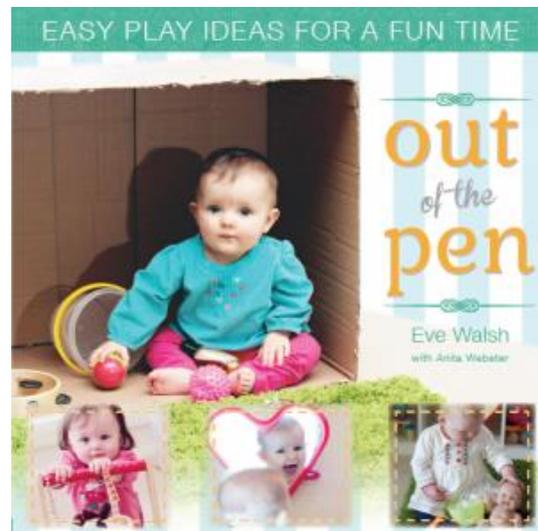
Family History Assistance
Thursday 13th August - by appointment



Make an appointment to learn and discover about your family history. Discover where your family came from, their occupations, family secrets, war records and the way they shaped the history of country towns. Free one-on-one sessions with a passionate skilled volunteer are available to demonstrate resources to assist in your research. Ancestry.com, an online family tree database, is also available free at the Library.

Baby play workshop
Wednesday 19th August at 10am

Join Eve Walsh, author of "Out of the pen", in a baby play workshop. Be inspired and learn to play with your baby and how important it is to connect. A hands on workshop for parents and carers and their babies are welcome! Limited numbers so book and pay \$20 per adult to secure your spot.





Your Service Consultation where to next

The final report summarising the feedback received from the Library Your Services consultation was provided to Elected Members at the Naracoorte Lucindale Council meeting held in May.

“I’d like to thank everyone who contributed to the consultation”, Mayor Vickery said.

“The consultation clearly indicated that the community would like a range of services beyond what is currently provided. It’s also very clear that the library service is valued by the community”, Mayor Vickery said.

“Throughout the survey responses it was pleasing that there was widespread praise, appreciation and support for the work done by our library staff”, Mayor Vickery said.

As a result of the feedback a proposal outlining future library services will be prepared for Elected Members. The proposal will take into consideration future trends of libraries and the feedback that was received from the consultation. As with the consultation already undertaken, the proposal will be used to inform decisions relating to the future of the Naracoorte Public Library.

The Library Your Services Consultation, undertaken during March and April, largely occurred via a survey, with 174 surveys being completed. The consultation was undertaken as a result of Council’s decision at its September 2014 meeting “to commence a process of examining the future service provision for a library by establishing a targeted consultation on the topic of the library service”.

“The focus of the consultation was on what library services can do and may do in the future; it was not about the building. The aim was to gain an understanding of services the community would like to have in the library”, Mayor Vickery said.

Generally respondents felt that current activities at the library are acceptable in type, range and standard given the facilities and space available. There was a general desire for a bigger, more appealing, flexible and user-friendly library space.

The most popular suggestions for new activities were for the library to become a social and community hub for locals and visitors with meeting rooms and facilities available for community use, as well as an exhibition space and co-location with other community services. The ability to borrow downloadable music was also popular.

Despite ‘coffee shop’ being the second most likely to be used potential library service, a small number of the comments expressed concern about competing with existing businesses in Naracoorte.

An expansion of services, activities and space for young children was high on the list for areas where improvements could be made. There was a call for a larger and brighter space, provision of toilet and change facilities and pram and wheelchair access.

The feeling that the children’s areas need to be bigger and brighter were reinforced by comments relating to the need to brighten up and expand the library space generally (i.e. not just the children’s area). Suggestions included more room with separate spaces for working, studying, meeting, training, computing, socialising and children’s activities.

“The integration of these suggestions does not seem possible in the existing library, however, with good design, could be incorporated into a new library building or layout, with provision of both quiet and more social spaces, children’s areas, youth places, meeting rooms and an eating area”, project consultant Louise Stock of Focus Facilitation said.



While there is significant support for meeting and social spaces, as well as children’s areas, some respondents expressed concern about the library becoming too busy and noisy and moving away from what is seen as ‘traditional library’ core business. A small number of respondents warned against duplication of services.

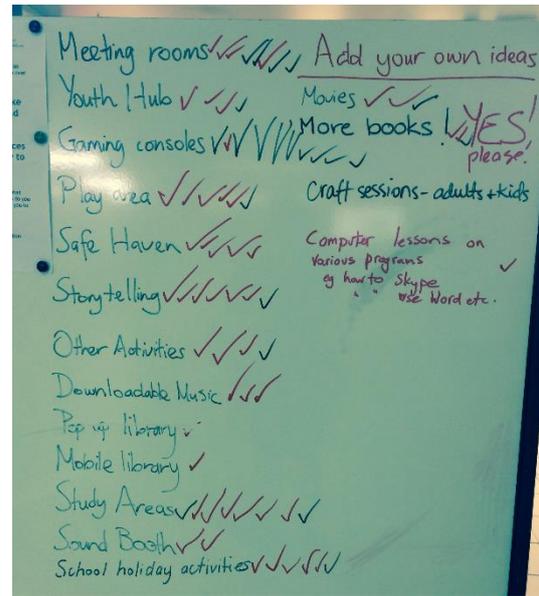
The most commonly used existing library services are borrowing books (82.2% of respondents use this service at least four times per year) and CDs and DVDs (60.7%) and predictably the two most valued aspects of the service were as a lender of reading / listening / watching material (86.4%) and that the service is free (80.5%).



Joint service delivery options suggested by Naracoorte and district service providers focused on information sharing, awareness raising and collaboration to support clients and students with study and meeting spaces, IT and internet access.

Other consultation activities that supported the survey was a display at the South East Field Days and the library, a whiteboard seeking community responses at the Kinraig Plaza and the Naracoorte

Town Hall and semi-structured qualitative interviews with senior representatives of educational institutions and other service providers. Towards the end of the consultation period, an in-library consultation day was held to discuss preliminary results and collect final input from interested community members.



The survey was available for completion via internet or in hard copy and was publicised through the media (print and radio), Council’s website, social media and distributed through local businesses, Elected Members and other community members. Also the Library Action Group took a proactive role in distributing surveys and seeking responses.

At this stage no commitment has been made to build a new library and / or renovate the existing building. If Council does consider rebuilding and / or renovating, further consultation and research will be undertaken prior to making a final decision. If a decision is made to rebuild and/or renovate grant funding will be sourced.

A copy of the report is available at the Library or on Council’s website, naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au under Your Council, Community Consultation.

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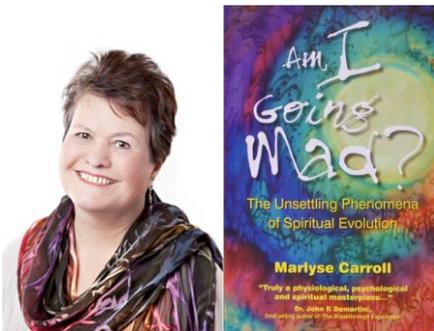


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Meet author Marlyse Carroll Monday 24th August at 2pm

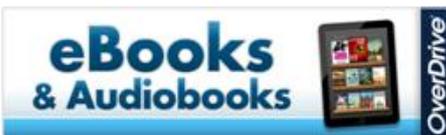
Marlyse Carroll is a retired therapist & meditation teacher, writer, speaker and artist of Swiss French origin who lives in country Victoria. Marlyse advocates searching for inner peace. This event is free but to help us plan bookings are appreciated, either book at the Library or phone 8762 2338.



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Computer assistance for seniors

Book in for one-on-one sessions, currently held Tuesday afternoons.

New services - July

Heaps of magazines, both Australian and international, will be available online in July. More details soon.

Learn more about computers with free access to Lynda.com. Thousands of video courses in software, creative and business skills gives you the opportunity to learn new computer skills or improve them. Available from July 1st.

Create or join a book club

Ask library staff how book clubs work and how you can be involved. Meet others and share your reading experiences.

New items

New items arrive on a regular basis. Reserve books, DVDs, CDs, magazine, audiobooks and other items online or ask library staff how to.

