

Tweed Heads cultural plaza re-opening

Construction complete with easy access to the library, auditorium and parking

The \$1.2 million Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre redevelopment is nearing completion, with construction on track to be completed in early December and an official opening planned for early 2020.

The upgraded facility includes an outdoor plaza with a direct pathway for easier access to the library and auditorium and Council's Tweed Heads Administration Office, contemporary landscaping, an improved drop-off area, accessible parking, better lighting and a more accessible after-hours library book return.

From Monday 9 December 2019, access will be available to the library and auditorium from the front entrances again and the public will now be able to use the front car park off Brett Street.

Tweed Shire Council's Manager Community and Cultural Services, Robyn Grigg said the upgrade has provided an attractive, accessible and functional meeting place.

"It looks modern and refreshed and we hope the community will enjoy the new space to meet for coffee, attend a show at the auditorium and enjoy all that the library has on offer," Ms Grigg said.

"We understand there were some changes to parking and access to the facilities during the upgrade, and Council would like to thank the community for their cooperation, patience and flexibility during the construction period," she said.

The new social enterprise café in the plaza is almost complete and will open to the public in early 2020 serving barista coffee, tea and snacks.

"The café will be a wonderful addition and provide real benefits to the community as the income from the not-for-profit café will support the delivery of social and community programs," Ms Grigg said.

"The café will also generate jobs for people in the Tweed, specifically for young and older people, people with disabilities and others who need support to enter the workforce," she said.

A technical upgrade of the Tweed Heads auditorium was completed in March, which included an electrical and lighting upgrade that will improve lighting energy efficiency by almost 80 percent per hour of use, and improvements to the stage to enhance functionality and to cater for a variety of performances.

The project is jointly funded by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund and Tweed Shire Council.

For updated information about the project and provide your feedback on the new facilities, visit www.yoursaytweed.com.au/THCC.

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