

Refurbishment and construction of the

# Berwick Library and Learning Commons

From October 2005 to February 2006, services on the Berwick campus will undergo a transformation. The library will be expanded to incorporate the campus IT computer labs and service desk, creating the *Berwick Library and Learning Commons*.

## Why combine the library and ITS facilities?

To provide a better, more convenient service and facility for users. Staff at a combined service desk will provide answers to both library and IT questions; and resources, both electronic and print, will be available in a single, purpose-built space.

## How will it benefit users?

Library and computer lab users on the Berwick campus will benefit from an up-to-date, convenient and user-friendly place to discover resources, work collaboratively or alone, utilise technology and traditional library resources and access an integrated service point. Staff will also 'roam' the space, providing on-the-spot assistance and answers to users at their point of need. The library and ITS are also working to provide a single system for paying for printing and photocopying. Security, furniture and laptop facilities will also be improved.

## What will it look like?

An existing area within Building 901 (previously accommodating Facilities and Services offices and a tutorial room) will be renovated to hold some 40 computers, including a training room (making 70 computers in total in the library and learning commons). At the same time the library will be rearranged to better separate areas for quiet and group work.

The library entrance will be from the village green. Plans of the new-look library and learning commons are available at the web address below.

## How will services be affected during construction and refurbishment?

The bulk of construction work is scheduled to take place during the summer semester break. The library will maintain its normal opening hours, however some noise will be unavoidable. Computers will remain available throughout the renovation. Facilities and Services offices will be relocating to the ground floor of Building 902.

## Timeline

Oct–Nov 2005	Demolition of existing offices to make way for new computer area
Nov–Dec 2005	Refurbishment of the service desk
Jan–Feb 2006	Fit-out and completion

## More information

### On the web:

[www.lib.monash.edu.au/reports/fmp/berwick](http://www.lib.monash.edu.au/reports/fmp/berwick)

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