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Date set for opening of new \$13.4 million centre

The new \$13.4 million Cove Civic Centre will officially open to the community on July 27.

The state-of-the-art facility will serve 130,000 visitors per year as a modern library, community and enterprise hub.

Located next to the revamped Hallett Cove Shopping Centre, the Cove Civic Centre completes a 12-year, \$75 million redevelopment for the region.

Deputy Mayor Luke Hutchinson said the new centre is set to boost learning, business development and community activities in the south.

“The Cove Civic Centre will provide facilities to grow local business, be a focal point for learning and a home for community groups,” Mr Hutchinson said.

“Bringing together a diverse range of services in a unique, accessible and modern facility is very exciting for the southern region.”

The existing Hallett Cove library will continue to operate from 1 Zwerner Drive until 4pm on Sunday, July 5, after which it will close permanently.

Staff will then bring in stock, providing access to 35,000 books, e-books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, complete training on new equipment and make final preparations for the opening of Cove Civic Centre on Monday, July 27 at 9.30am.

Special arrangements have been put in place to service customers for the period between the closure of the existing library and the opening of the centre.

From July 6 to July 26:

- Customers can return items via the after hours chute at Zwerner Drive, at the Cultural Centre, or Park Holme Library, or at any other One Card library
- Toy loans will be automatically extended without penalty to members
- Items on hold will be held for collection at Cove Civic Centre from July 27

New opening hours will be introduced at Marion’s three libraries to coincide with the opening of Cove Civic Centre.

From July 27 libraries will open for an additional 7.5 hours per week overall.

The new hours will see libraries open 30 minutes earlier on most days with earlier closing times on some evenings, while weekend opening times will remain unchanged. Full details are available on the City of Marion website marion.sa.gov.au

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Community groups and businesses can now register interest in hiring one of nine meeting rooms, including a fully-equipped training suite with 16 computers.

Rooms can also be reconfigured to create a community hall to accommodate up to 200 people. Details are available on the City of Marion website marion.sa.gov.au or by emailing council@marion.sa.gov.au

Construction of the centre began in October 2013 and was completed in June this year. The interior fit out is being finalised in the lead up to the opening.

Cove Civic Centre is located at 1 Ragamuffin Drive, Hallett Cove and will provide:

- Access to 35,000 books, e-books, magazines, CDs and DVDs
- A community hall for up to 200 people and meeting rooms
- A computer training suite with wi-fi and broadband
- Meeting facilities and resources for local businesses
- A children's toy library
- Radio Frequency Identification tagging so library customers can check out and return multiple items at once, in line with Marion's other libraries
- A plaza for community events

Free parking for library customers will be available along Ragamuffin Drive and at the adjacent Lutheran and Baptist churches.

The City of Marion has contributed \$10 million towards the construction of Cove Civic Centre and \$3.4 million has been provided by the Federal Government.

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