



MEDIA RELEASE

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YPRL Responds to User Demand with Extended Opening Hours at Lalor

Community members of the City of Whittlesea are invited to join in the festivities on Monday 3 August as Lalor Library celebrates its extended opening hours — NEW Monday opening hours mean the library will be open seven days from Monday 3 August.

It is community demand that has prompted Yarra Plenty Regional Library to extend opening hours at its Lalor branch.

“It’s my pleasure to inform residents that all the library’s services will be available seven days a week,” says YPRL Library Chairman and City of Whittlesea Cr. Sam Alessi. “There have been requests from the community for greater access, so we’re delighted to meet that need.”

“The library has established itself as a community hub and a community facility. To meet the growing needs of the community, it makes sense for it to be accessible every day,” he says, adding, “The branch is continually evolving. We’re always looking for ways to better serve users.”

The library will be open from 10.00am until 8.30pm on Mondays from Monday 3 August. The library is currently open 10.00am to 8.30pm Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10.00am to 5.00pm Fridays and Saturdays, and 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sundays.

Lalor Library opened in a small weatherboard building on 11 November, 1976 and staff that day recorded a single book loan. From its humble beginnings the Lalor Library has had various upgrades, including a major facelift and extension that opened officially in January 2003. Today Lalor Library averages more than 1,000 loans per day.

The day of celebrations on Monday 3 August will kick off at 10.30am with a performance from Accordions Alive and official proceedings.

Residents can add their memories and reflections about Lalor Library to a historical photo display while enjoying complimentary refreshments.



The day promises activities for all ages. The Lalor Park Primary School Choir will perform and afternoon children's entertainment begins with storytime and craft activity at 2.00pm, with face painting and fairy floss, a hip hop performance and party food to follow.

Schedule

Accordions Alive Performance and Morning Tea **11.15am – 12.00noon**

Lalor Park Primary School Choir

Storytime and craft activity **2.00pm – 3.00pm**

Face Painting **3.00pm – 5.00pm**

Fairy Floss **3.30pm – 5.30pm**

Hip Hop Performance **5.15pm – 6.00pm**

Pizza **6.00pm**

Open craft activities

For more information go to www.yprl.vic.gov.au or contact Lalor Library on 9465 2353.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

- Photograph of YPRL Chairman Sam Alessi eating fairy floss at Lalor Library
- Photograph of Lalor Library staff and community members preparing for the party.

Please contact me on 9401 0755 to organise an appropriate time for pre-event photography.

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