

Memorandum

3 April 2019

To:	Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board members
cc	Rina Tagore, Acting Relationship Manager, Local Board Services
Subject:	Refurbishment of Māngere Town Centre Library
From:	Andrew Hollis, Senior Project Manager, Community Facilities Gill Pannell, Auckland Libraries

Purpose

1. To respond to board resolution at its September 2018 business meeting request, requesting community facility and library officers to inform the board of closing dates, including the reopening of the library and arrangements. (Resolution number MO/2018/150).
2. To inform the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board of the impending closure of Māngere Town Centre Library to allow a comprehensive renewal to take place.

Summary

- Closure of the Māngere Town Centre Library from Monday 6 May until Monday 15 July.
- Some services will be maintained - outreach to kōhanga reo and schools.
- Mobile Library present on Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm
- “Pop up” library events are being explored

Context/Background

Māngere Town Centre Library is scheduled for a comprehensive renewal of the interior spaces this financial year. Closure of the library for 10 weeks is to allow for the safe renewal of lighting and electrical services upgrade, new floor coverings, new counter space, new furniture and painting.

At a workshop on 11 April 2018 the local board were supportive of the proposed design with minor improvements suggested including Koru shapes in the decorative motifs for the pillars now included in the design.

The current timeline is now for the works to be undertaken Monday 6 May until Monday 15 July. The library will be closed for this period.

To mitigate the effect of the closure:

- all outreach services to schools and kōhanga reo will continue, and library staff will offer visits to other groups as requested
- the Mobile Library will be present on Saturdays from 10 am until 3 pm for the duration of the works
- books will still be able to be returned through the afterhours book slot
- items customers have requested will be sent to Māngere East Library (or another library of the customer's choice) for collection
- options for some ‘Pop-up’ events are being explored in conjunction with the Māngere Arts Centre
- items borrowed from Māngere Town Centre Library will not fall due during the closure

The communication plan includes:

- Signage about the closure in all the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu local board libraries
- Fliers included when books are issued from Māngere Town Centre Library
- Local schools and regular groups to be informed about the closure
- Auckland Libraries' website update regarding the closure
- Library Connect to update i-Know