

**The first sod was turned at the site of the new Hervey Bay Library & Council Admin Centre in late January 2024.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irbaj8WLqFo&t=2s>

☀️ The transformation of Hervey Bay's city centre is officially underway!

🏗️ The first sod was turned this morning to mark the start of construction of the new Hervey Bay Library and Council Administration Centre, which also features a Disaster Resilience Centre.

More than three-quarters of this development will feature community space, with the new building to be a one-stop spot for learning, socialising and accessing Council services. There will be an expanded library over two levels, a new outdoor public plaza and flexible community spaces.

📖 The current library network in the region is only half the size needed to meet current Australian and Queensland building standards. With over a third of the Fraser Coast's population holding library memberships, this transformation is much needed and numbers are continuing to grow!

The Australian Government and Council are partnering up through the Hinkler Regional Deal to deliver this transformation project for Hervey Bay's city centre. More details about the project are available here:

<https://frasercoast.engagementhub.com.au/hervey-bay-library-administration-centre-inc-disaster-resilience-centre>