

## Proposed Uranquinty Village Library Services

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At the moment Council's spends \$1.3 million to be part of a Regional Library service that has other Councils in it and includes a mobile library truck that currently visits once every fortnight to five villages in the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area, including Uranquinty. This provides a borrow and collect library service only.

What we would like to do is provide a library service that can come once a week for borrowing services and also offer library programs that suit the needs of your community. Instead of the mobile truck model it is proposed to reinvest back into our Library Service, so that it can provide new services across all the villages and suburbs in our Local Government Area, not just at the Civic Centre Library located in Wagga Wagga.

This proposal would see an increase in library services to Uranquinty and would be delivered through a weekly 2-hour agile van and library officer model. This would mean the Uranquinty community would still be able to access their library borrowing needs of books, resources and DVD's etc..., but in addition also receive flexible programs like: Tech Savvy sessions, special subject area sessions (machines, arts, local history etc), story time and baby bounce, author talks and book clubs, along with aged specific targeted programs for learning outcomes e.g. science, technology or gardening, of which can also involve guest speakers coming out with the library officer. These are some examples however each village would have programs that suit their needs and would be delivered at a pace that suits each community.

Village consultation feedback will inform a report to Council in September 2021.

## Agile Library Service Background

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The Agile Service is recommended in the Wagga Wagga City Library Review 2021 as the first step in providing a more inclusive outreach service to the community across the Wagga Wagga Local Government Area (LGA), taking library services to where they are most needed. The service will include regular visits for loans and pick-ups, as well as a flexibly designed program offering, based on community consultation.

The agile vans have a maximum capacity of 3,000 items. In addition, it has a large internal space with capacity to transport program materials, book club tubs and fold-up furniture which is used for public programming with the fold-out sides creating weather protection for attendees.

We have budgeted for the Agile Library service to provide selections of new books and dvds that respond directly to community requests. In addition to this the Wagga Library Agile Service will circulate the existing collection of 77,552 items, mobilising this collection further to rural village locations. There is also an annual budget for replenishing the library collections items. Each year thereafter the Agile Library budget will purchase approximately 1,176 new titles based on community feedback and customer requests which will contribute toward refreshing the collection to ensure it maintains currency and relevance for our community.

Free reservations for library members will be made online, or by phone/in person at various sites, and then the selected items will be delivered by the Agile Library Service to village sites. As detailed in the Library Review the outreach service will be a strong driver for community access to library services and to meet literacy and community learning and connectedness outcomes.



## AGILE LIBRARY





**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Today we enjoyed a wonderful morning of stories, music and experiments with Michael from Wagga Wagga City Library.

**OUTCOME 3: CHILDREN HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF WELLBEING.**  
Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing.

Exploring movement through music.

Exploring musical sounds.

**OUTCOME 4: CHILDREN ARE CONFIDENT AND INVOLVED LEARNERS.**  
Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.

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