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Situated beside the Heathcote River, on the corner of Colombo Street and Hunter Terrace, the library provides a place for visitors to study, meet friends and chat over coffee, take time to sit and read, access information, learn technology skills, hold meetings, and for families to share learning and recreation experiences.

red café

Experience the first South Island public library Café and enjoy a delicious selection of food from the award winning kitchen at Cup Café in Cashmere, not to mention a superb range of teas and coffee. Savour the difference today.

council service centre

Includes facilities for the Community Board, Community Advocate, community constable, together with meeting rooms and a reception area for the transaction of Council-related business and enquires.

south learning centre

Using the latest technology, innovative hands on programmes are designed for students and teachers in the South Christchurch area. A range of services and programmes are also provided for community groups and the general public. From after school programmes to Sunday FunDay classes, there's something for everyone. Learn something new today.

Check out http://learningcentre.christchurch.org.nz or give us a call on 941 5140.



experience south christchurch library today

South Christchurch Library opening hours: Monday to Friday 9am - 7pm Saturday and Sunday 10am - 4pm









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community focused, architecturally inspired

Welcome to South Christchurch Library, Service Centre and Learning Centre - an award winning building in the heart of your community.

"The building has a great feeling to it and the response from the community to this new facility has been wonderful. It's our second equal largest community library in terms of visitors."

Sue Sutherland Christchurch City Libraries Manager

"Today's libraries are an extension of our living rooms and the way we're interpreting this in our designs is proving a powerful means for attracting people through the doors."

Andrew Barclay Warren and Mahoney Director

Grab a coffee from red café, flick through a magazine from the library and relax outside on one of the 'islands' with a surrounding moat, while children play PlayStations or read a book.

award winning

- NZ Institute of Architects Supreme Award (May 2004)
- NZ Institute of Architects Resene NZ Awards for Architecture – Colour Award (March 2004)
- NZ Institute of Architects Resene NZ Awards for Architecture – Community and Cultural category (March 2004)
- Property Council of New Zealand Rider Hunt Property Awards 2004 – Merit Award, Education and Art category (March 2004)
- GlassTech Glass Award Highly Commended, Most Creative Use of Glass To Enhance a Project (December 2003)

a multi-purpose facility built on sustainable principles

This unique complex was designed by Warren and Mahoney with environmental sustainability in mind – the key issue identified by members of the local community during the public consultation phase of planning. Sustainability features make the complex one of the most environmentally friendly buildings in Christchurch providing substantial long-term benefits for our community.

water use

Rainwater from the roof is collected and stored in the moat for use in the toilets and irrigation system while low water-use plumbing fittings and waterless urinals further reduce water use.

material selection

All timber has been sourced from certified sustainable sources. And where possible, non-toxic materials were used to reduce indoor air pollutants and also to minimise pollution of the environment resulting from their manufacture. Durable materials including glass and unpainted zincalume roofing minimise the use of surface finishes.

waste minimisation

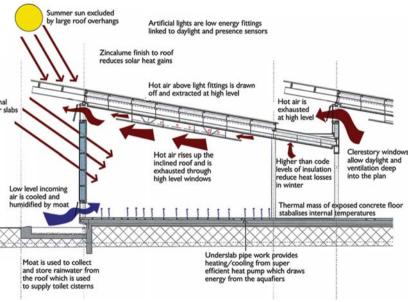
Preference was given to the use of building materials with recycled content. For example the acoustic insulation is manufactured from 100% recycled wool scraps and the cement has 75% recycled content.

The building was constructed in accordance with a waste management plan, drawn up in conjunction with the Christchurch City Council Target Zero Waste team, to reduce the amount of waste created during the construction process.

site ecology

Planted drainage swales and retention ponds help to slow down the speed of storm water leaving the site, while at the same time filtering out pollutants such as petrol and diesel residues from roads and carparks.

The overall design has been responsive to topography and ecology – minimising earth movement and the removal of trees.



"Warren and Mahoney believes that sustainability is one of the most significant influences on the future development of architecture. It is simply efficiency, or getting more for less. More comfort for less energy, more services with less water and sewage, more materials with less waste and more productive, providing healthier environments with less pollution." Graeme Finlay

Warren and Mahonev







