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### **RESIDENTS INVITED TO BE A PART OF NEW LIBRARY PRECINCT COMMITTEE**

As part of Hilltops Council's commitment to comprehensive community involvement in the development of the Cultural, Community and Education Precinct in Young, Mayor Brian Ingram is today calling for expressions of interest from those who may like to join a steering committee that has been established for the project.

Mayor Ingram said the Community Project Steering Committee, endorsed by Councillors late last year, will build on the work already being done to ensure residents across the LGA are widely consulted during the planning process of the highly-anticipated precinct.

"We are very aware of how important this project is to the community; it's a significant investment in our future which is why we've held community consultation workshops, we've maintained constant dialogue with stakeholders, we've conducted community surveys and now with the steering committee, we're asking members of the public to work directly with councillors and council staff to guide the design and planning going forward," Mayor Ingram said.

Mayor Ingram said the immediate focus for the project is to establish the community steering committee and to secure funding resources.

"At the moment, Council is continuing to explore one possibility that involves collaborating with Schools Infrastructure NSW (SINSW) to potentially build a joint-use library with Young High School, that would form part of the overall precinct facility," Mayor Ingram said.

"We're fully aware of the concerns some members of the community have about building the library at Carrington Park. I want to assure everyone that we're hearing you loud and clear and that these are all issues that we're taking into account and addressing as part of the preliminary site analysis.

"Like everyone, we want to make sure that there's minimal loss of green space, that we maximise the heritage features of the area and we want to make sure that there's plenty of parking and appropriate accessibility for all generations.

"There's still a long way to go before we turn the first sod on this project, but we're well underway in terms of exploring the options in front of us.

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“The potential collaboration with SINSW is certainly one such option that is in our best interests to explore fully; to be able to combine and consolidate resources in a way that provides a successful and enduring outcome for the community is an exciting prospect, and we remain committed to working and collaborating with the community to investigate this and other planning and design ideas for the precinct,” he said.

Expressions of interest to join the Community Project Steering Committee can be sent to [mail@hilltops.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@hilltops.nsw.gov.au) or via post, Attn: General Manager, 189-205 Boorowa Street, Young NSW 2594 by Friday 23rd February.

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