

IN BRIEF

Ingleburn Branch Library, Campbelltown City Library

All building projects are ultimately exercises in compromise, and where heritage considerations are involved, these compromises can come from unexpected quarters. When Campbelltown City Library in New South Wales embarked upon the redevelopment of its Ingleburn Branch Library, integrating the neighbouring heritage-listed School of Arts building was one of the major challenges.

During the consultation process it was clear that the community had a deep attachment to the School of Arts building, whose history included roles as a dance hall, cinema and meeting place so the final development designs sought to include artefacts, shadow lines of dance steps in the floor, and retention of the film projector apertures in the wall and other elements that would conjure the past uses of the building while enabling a more contemporary use of the space.

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Ingleburn's new look

Jump in loans at Sandringham

The Sandringham branch of the Bayside Library Service badly needed a refurbishment after 26 years of solid service. Key changes included reducing the size of the service desk to incorporate self-service, creating inviting seating and bringing the look of the library into the 21st century. The new design is reader-centred, collection-focused and aims to reduce the barrier

between staff and patrons. Child-height shelving in the junior library has encouraged a jump of 18% in picture book loans.

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