



Media release

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## Old Lincoln Library finds a new home

The former Lincoln Library and Service Centre has found a new home with the Selwyn Wairewa Youth Trust.

The building will be repurposed as a youth facility by the Trust. It will be put to immediate use by the Synergy Youth group and ICONZ – a programme which teaches boys values, leadership and life skills through fun, games and competition.

In the longer term the Trust hopes to open it as a safe hang out space for young people which is open for a few hours after school each day.

The building which was too small to service the fast growing township of Lincoln as a library and service centre, has been replaced with a new purpose-built Library and Service Centre which is more than three times larger than the original building.

The new building has plenty of space which allows more books to be displayed, and has a bigger space for events and activities like storytime sessions. It also has comfortable seating for people to relax and enjoy a book, historical images of Lincoln on glass display panels and more computers.

The Council called for expressions of interest from groups who were interested in using the old library and service centre building.

“We hoped that the old library and service centre would find a good home with a local organisation which could use it for the benefit of the community,” says Lesley Symington, the Council’s Community Services Manager.

“We are delighted that the Selwyn Waiwera Youth Trust will be using the building as a youth facility so that it can continue to serve a useful purpose in the future.”

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*Image attached: Packed up and ready to go – the former Lincoln Library and Service Centre on the back of a truck yesterday before its relocation*

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