

## Benefits to the Community

- New, expanded state of the art Library
- Accessible Customer Service Centre
- Landscaped forecourt fronting Liverpool Road
- New community activity rooms on ground floor
- New Town Hall foyer
- Convenient retail tenancy

The project also includes a refurbishment of Council offices to meet current Workplace Health & Safety legislation.

## Environmental Benefits

The new aspects of the Ashfield Council Centre could achieve a NABERS Energy rating of 4.

### Environmentally sustainable aspects include:

- Modern, energy-efficient mechanical and electrical equipment
- Rainwater harvesting
- Lighting design which maximises the use of natural light and includes energy efficient fixtures
- Modern and efficient air conditioning and ventilation systems.

## WHEN WILL THE PROJECT BE COMPLETED?

Construction is expected to commence in April 2009 with an estimated construction period of 18 months. Ashfield Council apologises for any inconvenience caused to customers and shoppers during this time.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

### Ashfield Council Website

Visit [www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au) to read the latest updates about the project, see photos of construction progress or to view the plans and reports for the Council Centre Redevelopment.

### Ashfield Council Newsletters

Ashfield Council's quarterly newsletter to residents "Ashfield Council News" contains regular updates about the project. The newsletter is delivered to residents in March, June and September. It is also available on Council's website at [www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au). Or, pick up a copy from our Customer Service Centre, Ashfield Library or Haberfield Library.

### Contact Council

Contact Council to speak to one of our friendly staff about the project. You can also email us at [info@ashfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@ashfield.nsw.gov.au).



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# ASHFIELD COUNCIL CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

# About the Project

## A place to meet...

**Ashfield Council is redeveloping its Civic Centre at 260 Liverpool Road to build a new, modern and accessible precinct for people who live, work and shop in Ashfield, called the Ashfield Council Centre.**

A new library, landscaped forecourt and community meeting rooms will provide spaces for our community to gather and meet in formal and informal settings.

This significant project involves building a new, modern building fronting Liverpool Road. The existing Administration Building and Civic Centre will be retrofitted to work in conjunction with the new building as a Council Centre. Council is currently exploring funding opportunities for a youth resource centre.

Council has demolished its retail building at 258 Liverpool Road to make way for the new building.

The project is a standalone development and not related to proposed developments to the Ashfield Mall.

Council is undertaking this project because the existing administration building, library and civic centre are difficult to access, crowded and not consistent with current Workplace Health & Safety standards.

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## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

From January to June 2007, Ashfield Council conducted a community engagement program to seek the community's input on the plans and funding proposal for the Ashfield Council Centre Redevelopment. A sample of residents, business people and community groups participated in the program, which included three workshops and an Open House to view the revised Council Centre Plans, and provide feedback on the Developed Concept Design.

The community consultation activities were advertised in the local media and in Council's newsletter. Some participants were randomly selected from Council's rates database to ensure good representation at the workshops. The community developed a set of nine criteria considered important for the redevelopment, including: "Accessible", "Affordable", "Sense of Community", "Meets Library Users Needs" and "Environmentally friendly design".

## HOW MUCH WILL THE PROJECT COST?

The project cost is \$12.3 million. Council has engaged professional quantity surveyors and probity advisors for the project.

## HOW WILL THE PROJECT BE FUNDED?

The Council Centre Redevelopment is being funded by a special purpose loan. Loan repayments are being funded by a rate increase, or Special Rate Variation, that Council applied for in 2007 to fund the redevelopment. No further rate increases will be applied to fund the project.

