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## **NEW HOME FOR RYDE LIBRARY**

The City of Ryde has taken possession of the new City of Ryde Centre 'warm shell' at a hand over ceremony today, Wednesday 18 August.

Fronting onto 'La Piazza', the public domain area of Top Ryde City shopping centre, the new City of Ryde Centre will accommodate a new 2,000m<sup>2</sup> library and well as offices for a new planning and business centre.

The new Ryde Library will house extensive new collections including spaces dedicated to children, youth and local studies, meeting places and study rooms.

The Ryde Planning and Business Centre will provide services to residents and businesses wishing to establish or expand their footprint in the City of Ryde.

Mayor, Cllr Michael Butterworth, said: "This is a superb location for our new Library, an inviting community space that adds an extra dimension of learning and leisure to the complex.

"The new Planning and Business Centre will showcase the future way Council will conduct business."

The new premises will be tailored to Council's design over the next few months taking full advantage of natural light from the floor to ceiling windows. The designs will be both attractive and practical, with a built-in flexibility to adapt to changing services and function to keep in step with community trends and growth.

The new Ryde Library and Business Centre are expected to open early in 2011.

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