

# It's time to have a heart

IN WAITAKERE CITY

## It's time - for a City Library

View from Ratanui Street



UNITEC Campus extension | Road Lane to Trading Place | Waitakere Central Library | Plaza | Carpark building

View from Trading Place



Carpark building | Waitakere Central Library | Road Lane to Ratanui Street | UNITEC Campus extension

### A new, world class, Waitakere City Library will be built as part of the new CBD development.

To be built in Trading Place as a joint venture between Waitakere City Council and UNITEC, this will be a true 21<sup>st</sup> century library. Scheduled for completion by 2006, it will be designed to give the highest level of access to information demanded by a modern city, its businesses and a rapidly expanding tertiary sector.

Besides being wired to provide on-line access to the world of knowledge, it will offer information on every medium: the printed page, audio tape, photographic, film, video, DVD and computer programmes.

At 3,800 square metres - compared with the small 500 square metre library it will replace - the new Waitakere City Library will enormously increase the city's information base. It will support the network of modern suburban libraries and when the expanded Waitakere Campus of UNITEC opens it will serve the needs of 2,500 tertiary students to post graduate level and the faculty of lecturers and researchers.

It will be a library for the whole city and support the branch libraries around Waitakere. It will cater for the widest possible range needs, from pre-school through school-age; from light recreational reading to serious academic study.

### Why does Waitakere City need a new library?

The new library will be built to replace the cramped, technologically obsolete, library currently situated near the entrance to the West Wave Aquatic Centre.

What we have is simply not good enough to adequately meet the needs of 176,000 people in a fast growing, progressive, city that is determined to provide world-class access to education and information in a library that is modern in every respect.

The Council's commitment to the CBD development, encouraged UNITEC to make its own matching commitment with plans to expand its Waitakere City campus.

Now the Council and UNITEC will join forces to build the best possible library for the city - a truly world-class facility for the minimum cost to both organisations.

### More than just a library

The library and the UNITEC expansion will form part of a complete redevelopment of the Trading Place/Ratanui Street area that includes a new parking building, extensive landscaping and a new public square.

### What will it cost?

The estimated cost for the new library and surrounding general redevelopment is \$11.8 million. This is a net figure, which has been offset by UNITEC's contribution.

The council is also investigating opportunities to develop the carparking building in partnership with the private sector to further reduce costs to ratepayers.

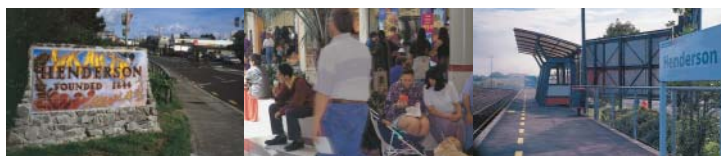
UNITEC is investing \$18 million in its Waitakere Campus, in Trading Place, including new administration and teaching accommodation, carparking and its share of the new library.

### Who is UNITEC?



UNITEC is an innovative Institute of Technology teaching courses from certificate to doctoral level. Its Mount Albert campus is close to the eastern boundary of Waitakere City and about a third of the institute's students come from Waitakere City.

UNITEC opened its Waitakere campus in Henderson in 2001 and, with the student population quickly out-growing its Ratanui St building, entered into the joint venture with the city council to allow the continuing expansion of its UNITEC @ Waitakere campus.



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