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\$93K BOOST FOR DURAL LIBRARY

Dural Library will undergo a much needed refurbishment after receiving \$93,240 from the NSW Government's \$1 million Metropolitan Public Library Grant.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams welcomed the Government's support for this much loved local library.

"Our libraries are such a vital feature of our community and I'm delighted with today's announcement," Mr Williams said. "Only 14 councils across the State received grants for projects this year, and we are one of them."

"We're making our wonderful libraries even better and we're ensuring that they continue to grow and evolve to meet our community's needs" he said. "With this funding, they can improve library buildings, spaces and information technology".

Mayor of The Hills Shire, Dr Michelle Byrne thanked the NSW Government and the Library Council of NSW for the grant funding, which will be used to upgrade and revitalise Dural Library.

"Dural Library is much loved by our community and has served it well since it first opened in 1981" Mayor Byrne said.

"In conjunction with a \$160,000 investment from Council's Capital Works Program, this grant funding will allow us to update the furniture, shelving and interior to create a refreshed space where our library users' can connect, learn, grow and continue to feel inspired.

"It will breathe new life into Dural Library and benefit the hundreds of members who visit the facility yearly," Mayor Byrne added.

NSW Minister for the Arts Don Harwin said public libraries continue to grow and provide access to services that people need at all stages of their lives.

"The NSW Government is committed to working with local councils to enhance library services and facilities across the State," Minister Harwin said. "From next year the Government will allocate an additional \$60 million over 4 years for public libraries – the biggest boost to public libraries in the history of our State."

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