

# Moreland Libraries Makerspaces Community Engagement Report



## Background

The establishment of three makerspaces across the Moreland Library service is an exciting project which aligns with our commitment to encourage lifelong learning and foster community connections.

Coburg, Brunswick and the soon to be completed Glenroy Hub library will have dedicated makerspaces, that will be open to the public and provide community workshops. These spaces will allow the community to build knowledge, share skills and work on creative projects together.

## What did the community tell us they wanted to see in our new makerspaces?



Sustainability



Hands on workshops



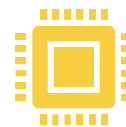
Reuse, Recycle,  
refurbish, repair



Activities for  
everyone, no matter  
their location



A place to connect  
with others



Diverse technology: a  
cricut machine and  
pottery wheel



Hand tools for  
repairs



Digital editing  
software



Space and  
furniture for  
creativity

## **Key findings**

Our engagement identified a range of promising programming ideas, exciting emerging technologies and acknowledged some service delivery gaps.

### **Sustainability**

Numerous participants indicated that the makerspaces would be a perfect space for mending, repairing and reusing clothing and devices.

*"A repair workshop for appliances or furniture. Teach people how to do repairs on things that can be saved from landfill. Sewing workshops. Workshops can include on how to mend or alter clothes instead of throwing them in landfill..."*

JackLA

### **Need for emerging technology and equipment**

#### **Cricut maker/ laser cutter**

*"Please have a Cricut Maker!! These machines are super expensive but I would love to be able to use one and they are so versatile. This would so useful and a great machine to be able to use."*

Niki

#### **Design software**

*"Photo editing software is expensive and so access is reserved for those who can afford creative cloud. Access to a computer with these programs and an inkjet printer would be incredible."*

Nat

### **Traditional crafting equipment and tools (looming, pottery and embroidery)**

*"Maybe some embroidery hoops for some embroidery classes, you can make such beautiful art with embroidery and it's easy to learn!"*

Nicole

*"Even if hand tools were available this would be great for people who live in apartments"*

Bloop

### **MakerSpaces Moreland wide**

We identified the clear feedback that all Moreland libraries be included in creating makerspace rooms. This includes having programs and services that are available to people that use Fawkner and Campbell Turnbull Libraries.

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*“As a few folks mentioned below, Fawkner would benefit from a MakerSpace at our library, too. We have a creative community that needs more space and opportunity to gather and create.”*

**Anna**

Feedback identified the need to have free or affordable programs within the makerspaces.

## **Appendix**

The Moreland Library makerspace consultation was open on the Conversations Moreland platform between 12/11/2021 – 15/12/2021 a total of 33 days. During that time there were:

- 1,127 views
- 641 unique visitors
- 69 contributions from 69 contributors
  - 52 posts
  - 14 comments
  - 149 votes
- 18 followers
- 50.3% of visitors were referred to the web page via social media (Good Karma networks, library social media page). While 36.08% came directly from the Conversations Moreland website.