Coburg Library & Piazza Engagement Summary



Over March and April 2026, Council asked the community for feedback on the draft concept design for a new library and piazza in the heart of Coburg. There were online and in person opportunities to provide feedback and over 200 people participated including local stakeholders and Merri-bek Reference Group members.

The draft concept design was selected through a design competition, in which an expert jury awarded this winning design by the multidisciplinary team led by Durbach Block Jaggers, working in collaboration with Architecture Associates and Openwork.

Engagement findings snapshot

Library	
Top 5 features: 1. Library collection (62%) 2. Café (47%) 3. Outdoor terraces (47%) 4. Seating and study areas (36%) 5. Public toilets and showers (35%)	Participants also want to see: • Quiet study and work spaces • Plenty of places to charge devices • Gallery spaces for community exhibitions and events • Secure bicycle parking

Piazza	
Top 5 features: 1. Shady trees (72%) 2. Seating and tables (47%) 3. Public toilets (45%) 4. Pedestrian connections (39%) 5. Grass area (33%)	Participants also want to see: • Elements of play • A performance space • Native plant species • A clean and welcoming space

Public art themes First Nations, place identity and local history were most supported.

What are Council doing with the feedback?

Council will consider this feedback and present a revised design later in 2026.

Additionally, based on engagement with impacted stakeholders along Victoria Street, siting of the new library will be revised to ensure a more sympathetic response to the church precinct along Victoria Street.