

FITZROY TOWN HALL LIBRARY WING

Vision

Background

The Fitzroy Town Hall's 1888/1889 Library Wing includes the former Reading Room, Recreation Room and Entrance Lobby. These elements are an integral part of a nationally significant civic precinct within the public areas of the Fitzroy Town Hall.

Vision

The Fitzroy Town Hall Library Wing is a place to recognise and preserve our history and cultural identity, celebrate our unique local character and strengthen community values and activities.

Objectives

The vision will be achieved by ensuring that the Library Wing:

- a) Reflects its built and cultural heritage, including its former role as a cultural, educational and recreational institution;
- b) Provides for a variety of contemporary uses, including a diverse range of arts, cultural, multicultural, educational, library and community activities which enrich the wider community;
- c) Is a focus for the heritage interpretation of all public spaces within the Fitzroy Town Hall; and
- d) Is a well documented key to community understanding of the development of Melbourne's first suburb and the history of local government in Fitzroy.

Actions

Each objective will be achieved through:

- a) The restoration of the fabric and character of the rooms (including the bookshelves, fittings and furniture) in accordance with the *Burra Charter*, the *Fitzroy Town Hall Conservation Management Plan* and the *City of Yarra Collection Management Policy*;
- b) Accommodating, supporting and synergistically promoting diverse contemporary uses;
- c) Undertaking a coordinated heritage interpretation of all public spaces within the Fitzroy Town Hall with the Reading Room as its key to explain the building's significance for Fitzroy; and
- d) Providing permanent and temporary exhibitions of objects, artifacts and illustrative material relating to the history of Fitzroy and its Library and Town Hall.