






MARRICKVILLE LIBRARY


WHAT IS A LIBRARY?

A LIBRARY HAS ALWAYS BEEN
KNOWN AS A  QUIET PLACE


FOR BOOKS AND 
RETREAT.

A NEW LIBRARY — IS FAR MORE


THAN A PLACE FOR 
BOOKS.

IT IS NOW A PLACE
TO  LEARN, A PLACE TO


MEET,

A PLACE TO 
EXPLORE.

AND ULTIMATELY
A PLACE TO


BE.



We had lots of meetings with the community and
asked them,
'what do YOU want in a library?'



AN INVITING PLACE



A CAFE



A PLACE TO PLAY



AN OUTDOOR
LEARNING SPACE



A COMMUNITY SPACE



FREE WIFI



CONNECTION TO
LOCAL HISTORY



KIND TO THE PLANET



A PLACE FOR
ALL AGES



Place is important

It is about where we
came from and where
we want to go.

It's about what we
believe in today.



How does all that turn into a building?

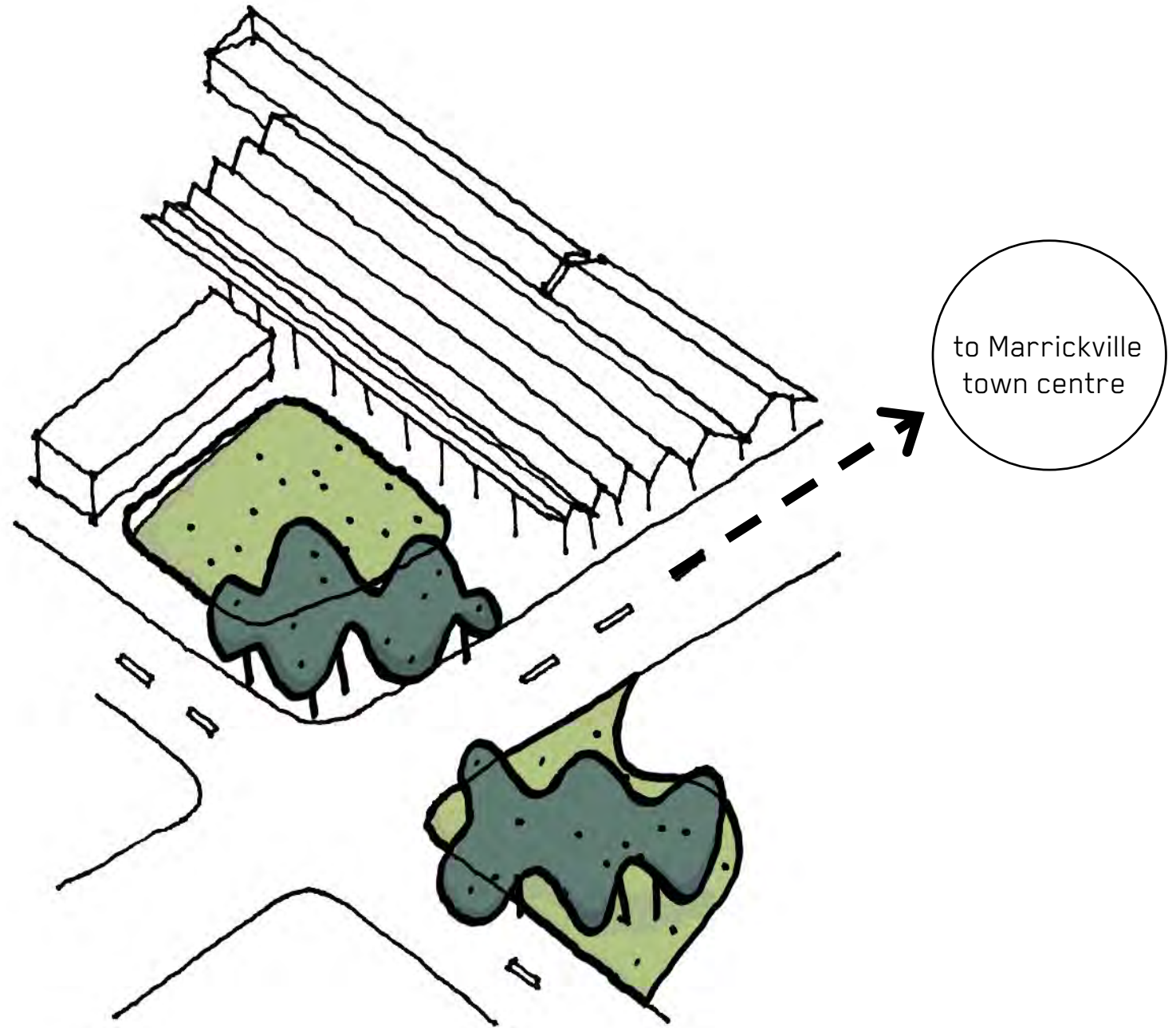




The building is a landmark

The buildings is a green gateway.

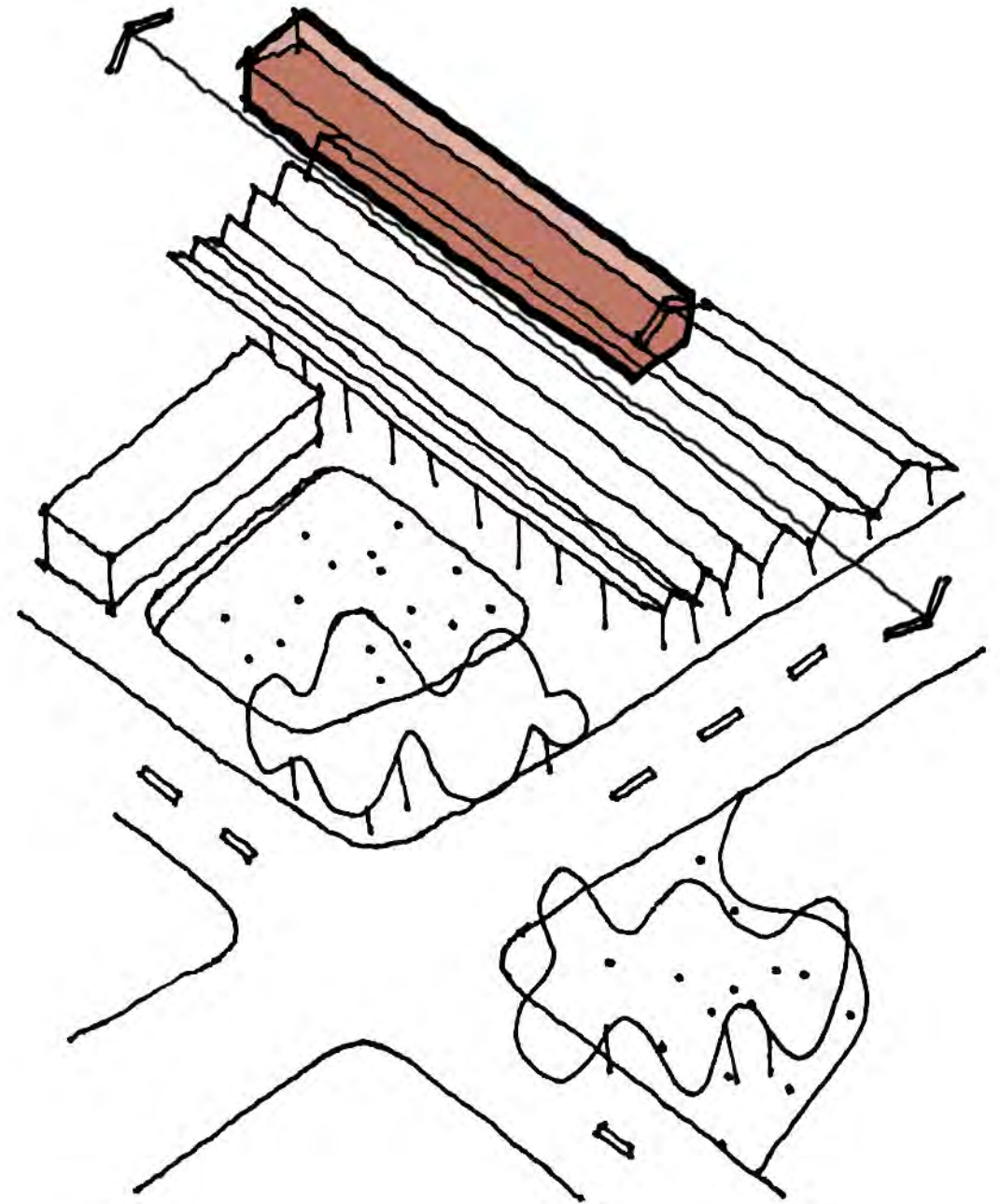
Green public space to gather and relax.





Where OLD + NEW = NOW!

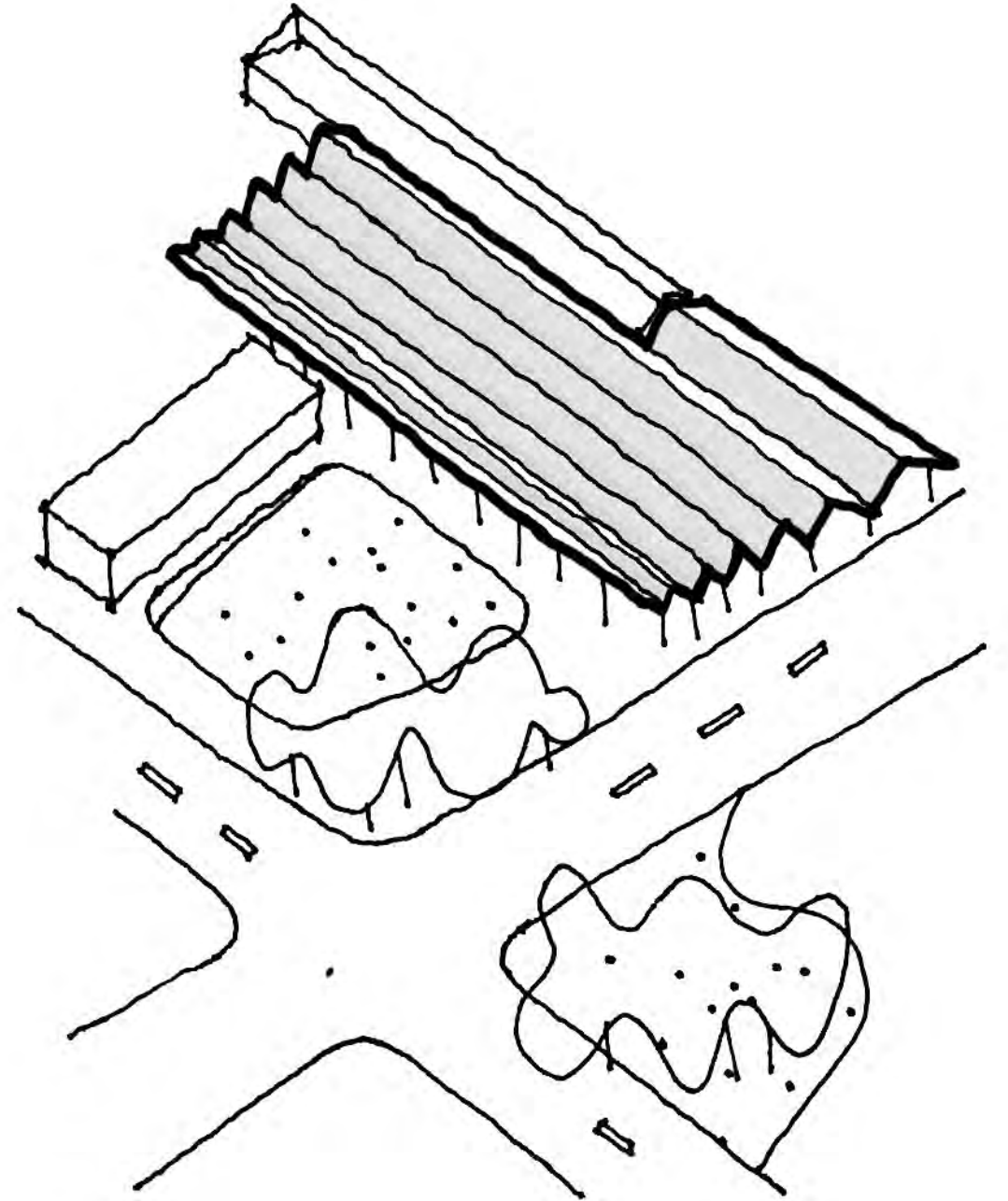
The old hospital building is
part of the new library.





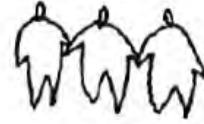
The big roof is a symbol
of shelter for all.

Everyone is included





A NEW CIVIC HEART ♡ =
A PLACE FOR ALL PEOPLE .



OLD + NEW = NOW ! -
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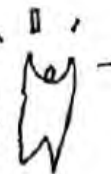
SUSTAINABLE =
♡ KIND TO OUR
PLANET 🌍

INSIDE + OUTSIDE =
PLACES TO LEARN .

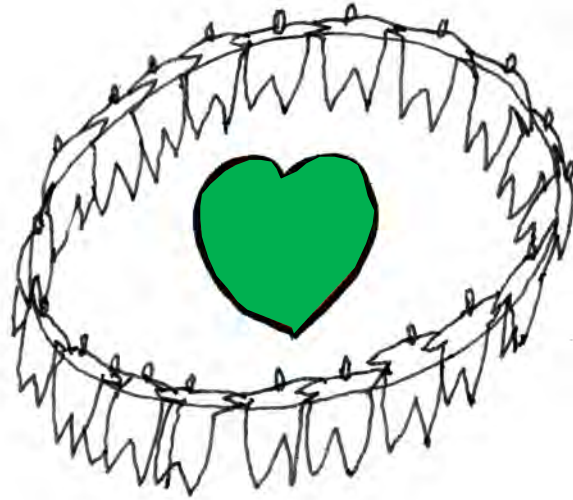
COMMUNITY LED =
WE MADE IT !

A GREEN PUBLIC SPACE =
A PLACE TO GATHER/
CHILL/ RELAX .

GATEWAY = WELCOME
TO
MARRICKVILLE !

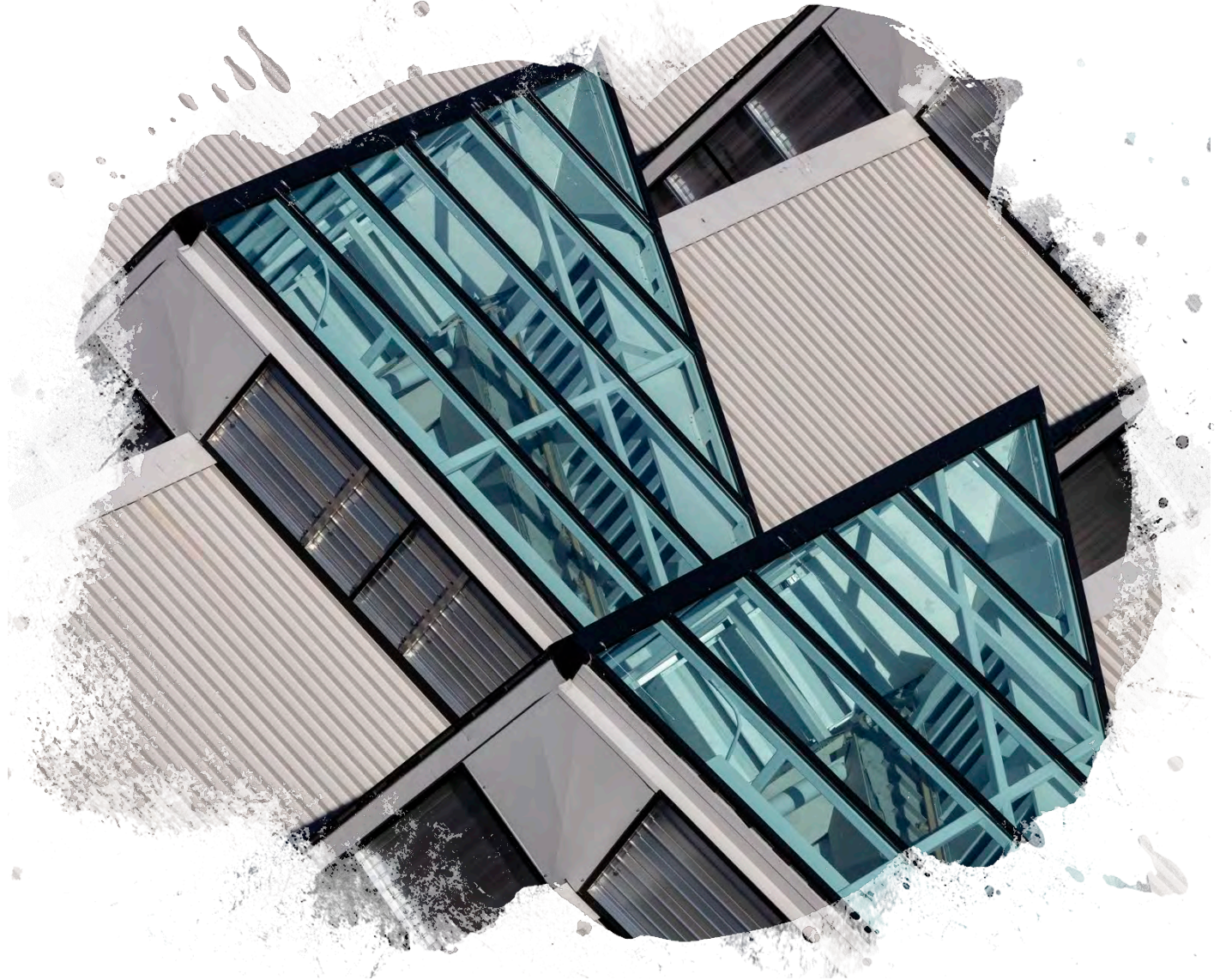


Be kind to our planet



Natural ventilation for most of the year and mixed mode in extreme conditions.

The sculpted forms of the internal ceiling are designed to scoop light into the space and along the ceiling surfaces provided natural light to internal spaces.



Building materials sought to maximise reuse, renewable and low embodied energy materials.

The bricks of demolished inhabitable buildings on the site were recycled for reuse.

There is 10km of timber used in the new library, all either recycled or The Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) certified.



Rain water collection





So...

do the community like their new library?

Library statistics have shown:

This new facility has seen a 100% increase in the number of people visiting the library.

There has been a change in library customers and how the spaces are used.

There has been an increase in the number of customers between aged 16–30.





There has also been an increase
in the number of community
groups such as mothers groups
who are using the library and
garden area as a meeting place.

Barbara Emslie (nee Hosking) who completed her nurse's training at Marrickville District Hospital between 1962-1966.

*"I was a trainee nurse at Marrickville District Hospital between 1962 and 1966. I **reconnected with the hospital** site through the building of the new library. The library that has been created on the old hospital site is incredible. **All care** has been taken to preserve parts of the old hospital and butt it against the new structure.*

*When I entered the old part of the building and walked on the original floor boards it took me back to **many memories** of these boards being polished daily and the four years I walked on these boards. ...*

The lane that we as nurses walked up and down each day has been utilised and named Hospital Lane.

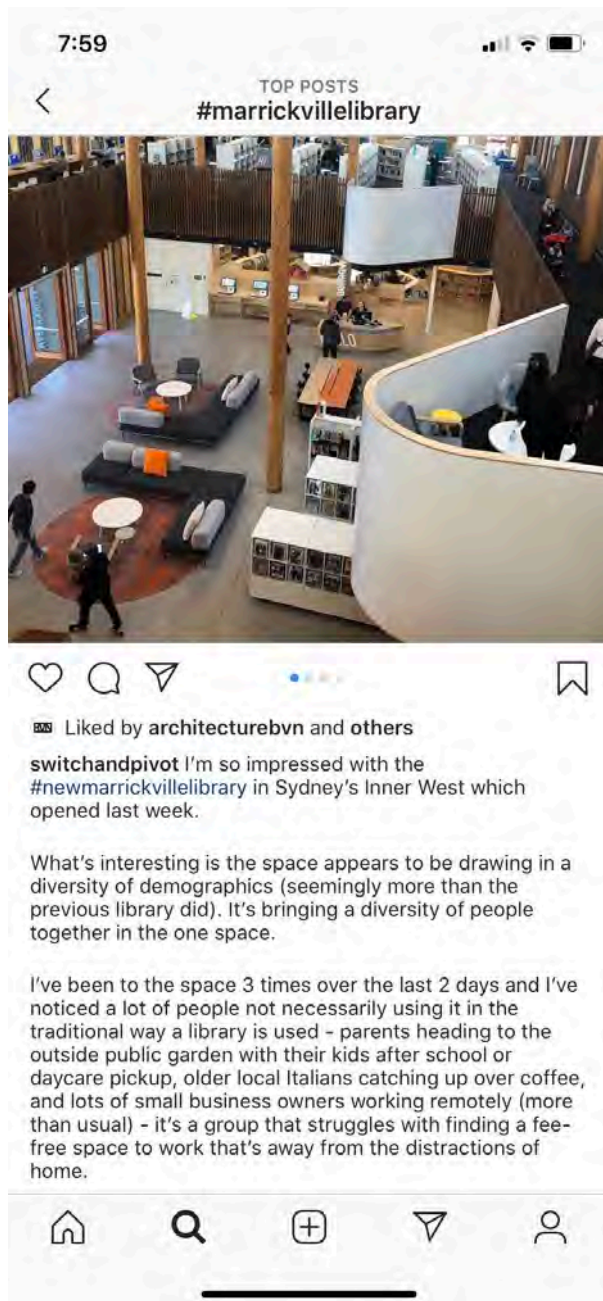
*The new library is an **amazing structure** which has been created for the community of today and the future with its natural light, ventilation, water storage, children's outdoor activities area which is built on the old children's ward suite. Obviously, a great deal of thought, consultation planning and consideration have been involved in building this **magnificent library**.*

*The new library is not just a library where people go to find a book. It is a **place for the community to meet**. A place for **students to study** and access computers, for children and **families to enjoy** the activities presented for them. It has many quiet nooks to find a peaceful place to read or just reflect. The community is extremely fortunate to have this **amazing building** that has been constructed with great incite for the up and **coming generations** of Marrickville and surrounding areas."*

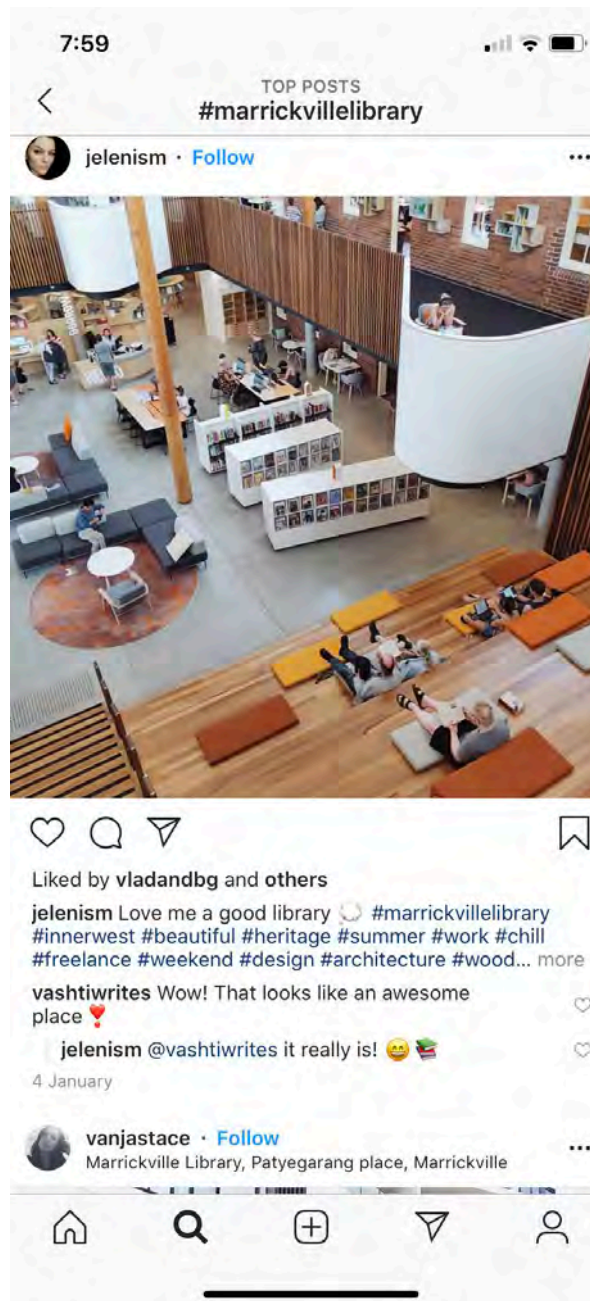


And here's what the public think!

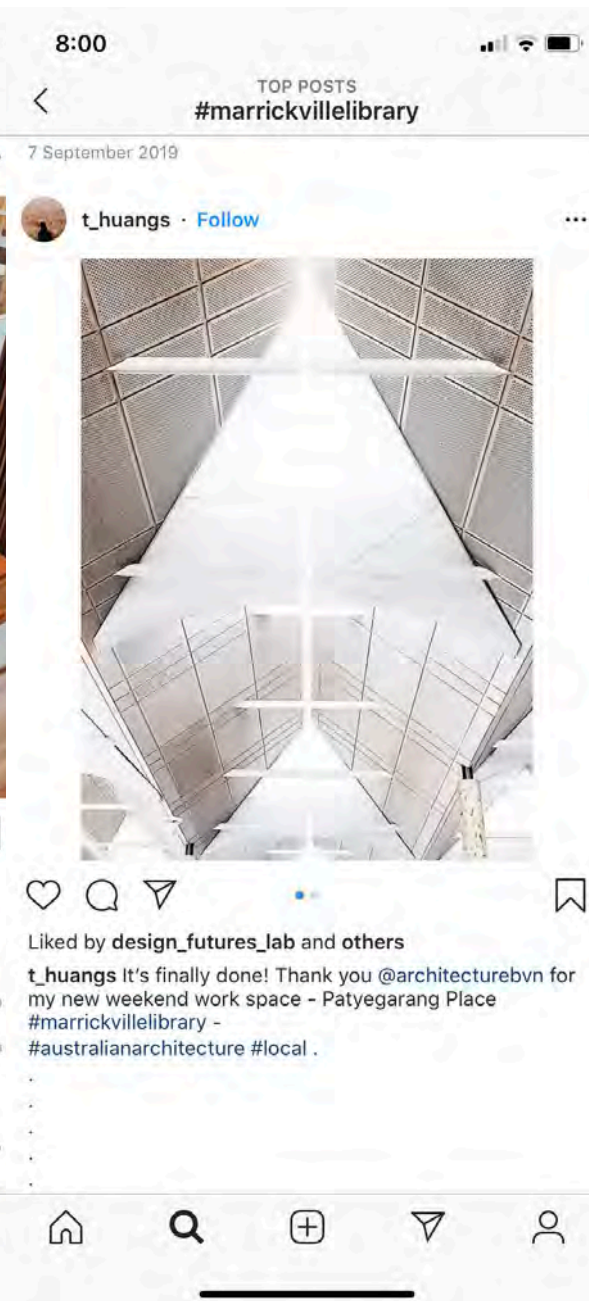
'It's bringing a diversity of people together in one space'



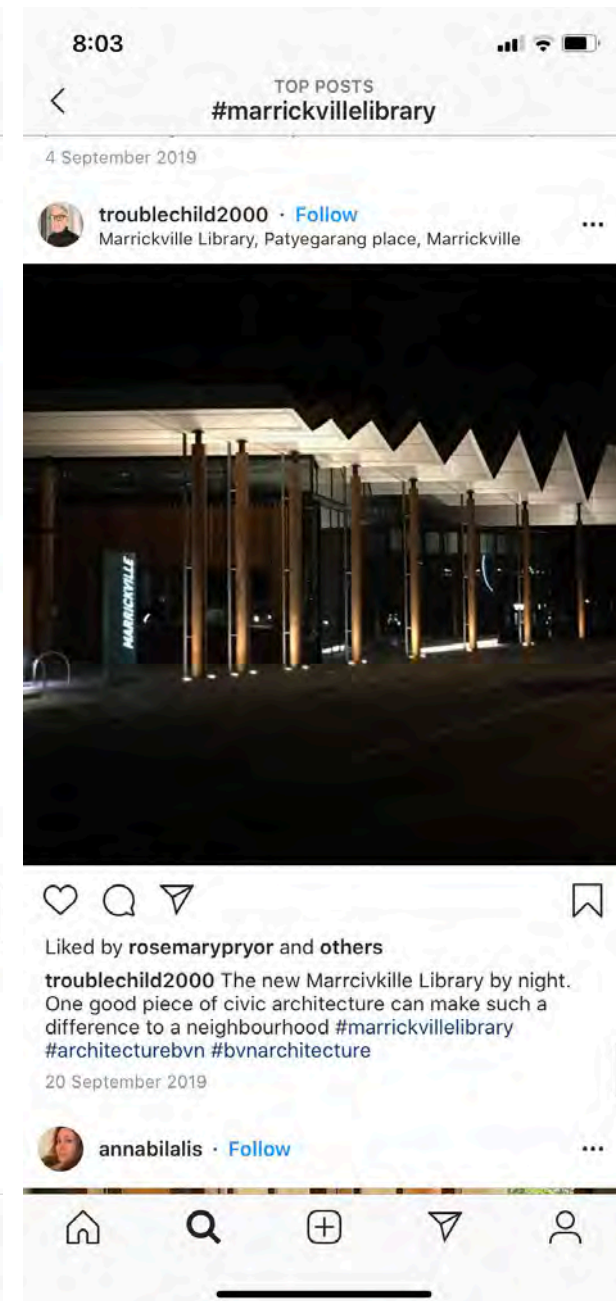
'love me a good library'



'my new weekend workspace'



'one good piece of civic architecture'



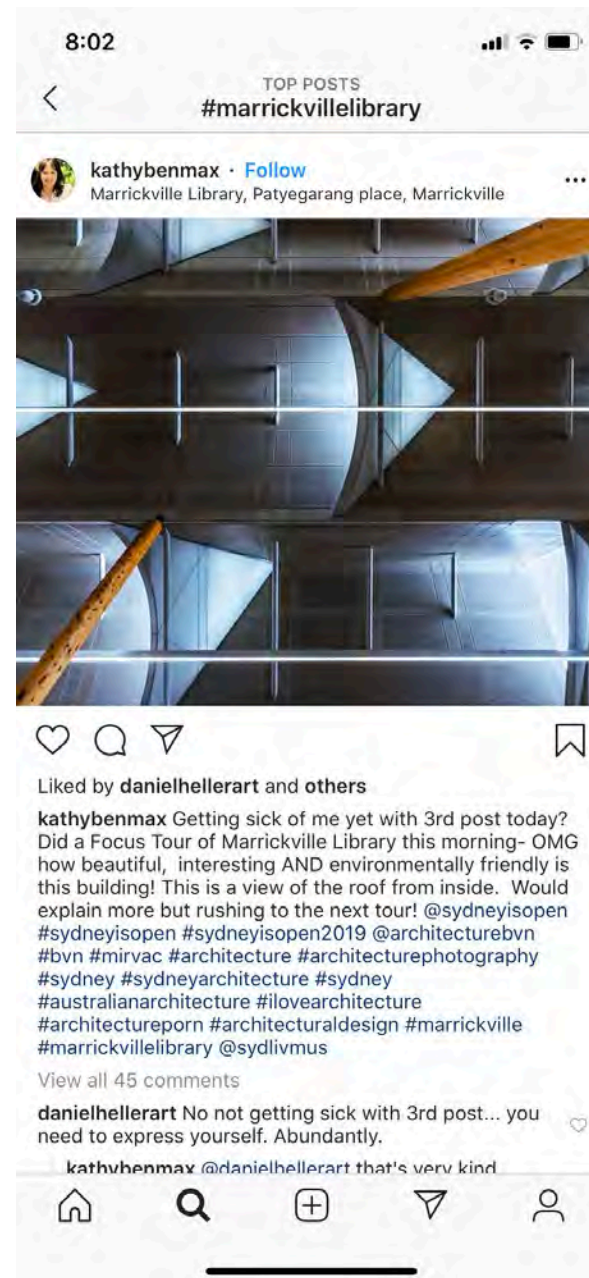
'they've managed to create an environment that feels like you're among nature'



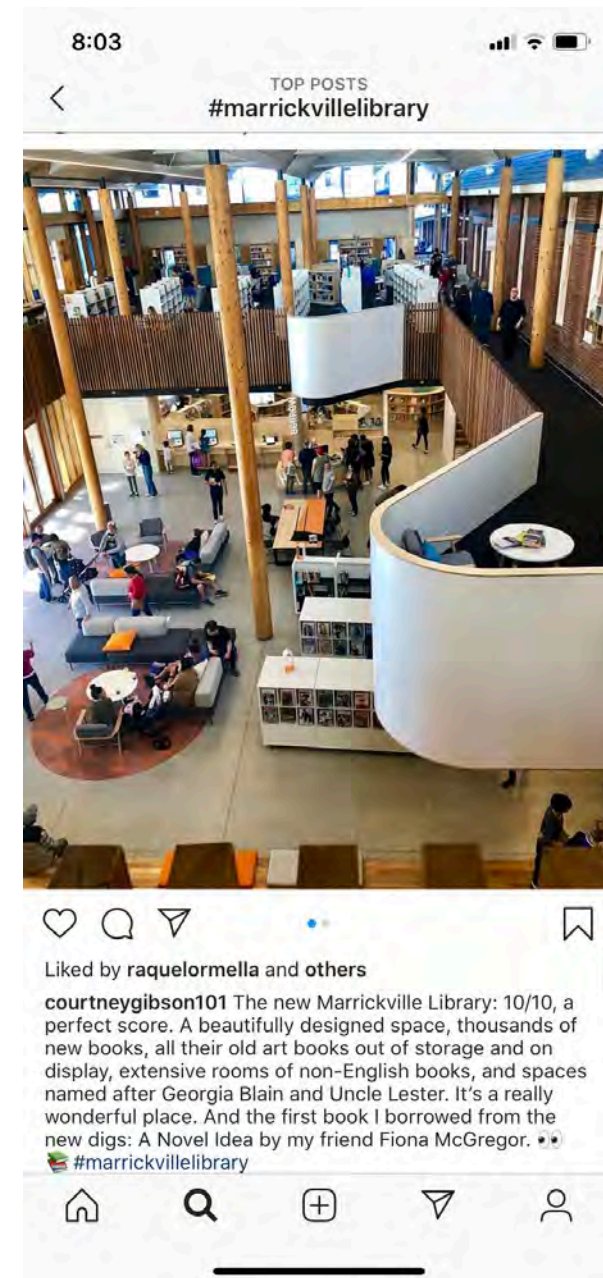
'great new community facility'



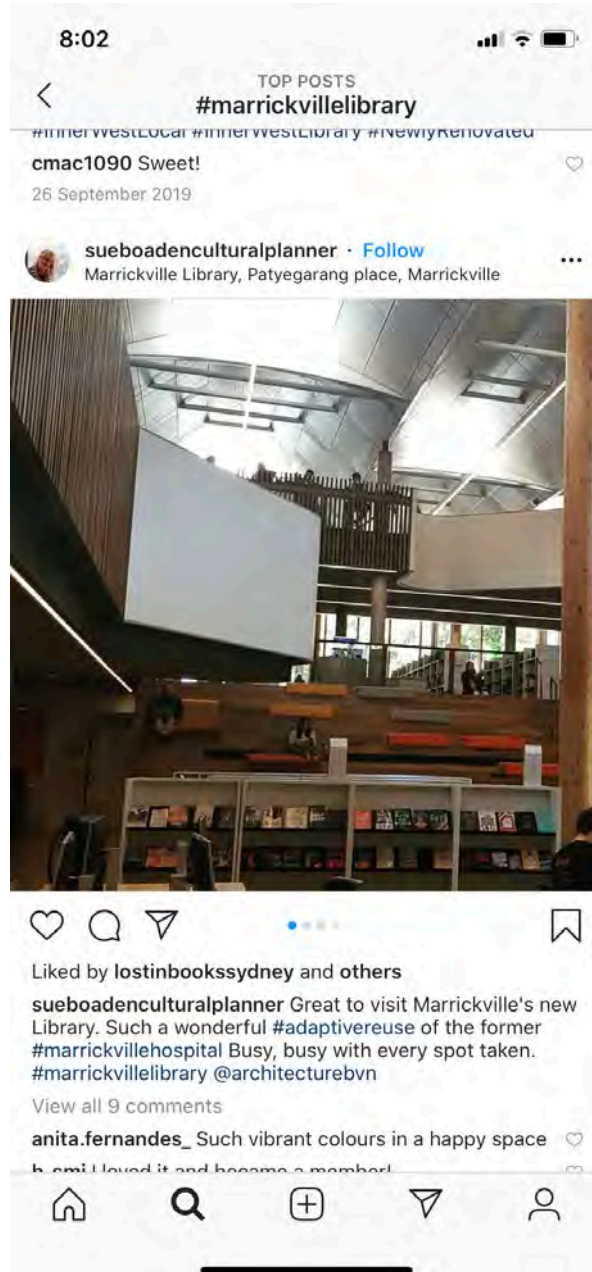
'OMG it's beautiful'



'10/10'



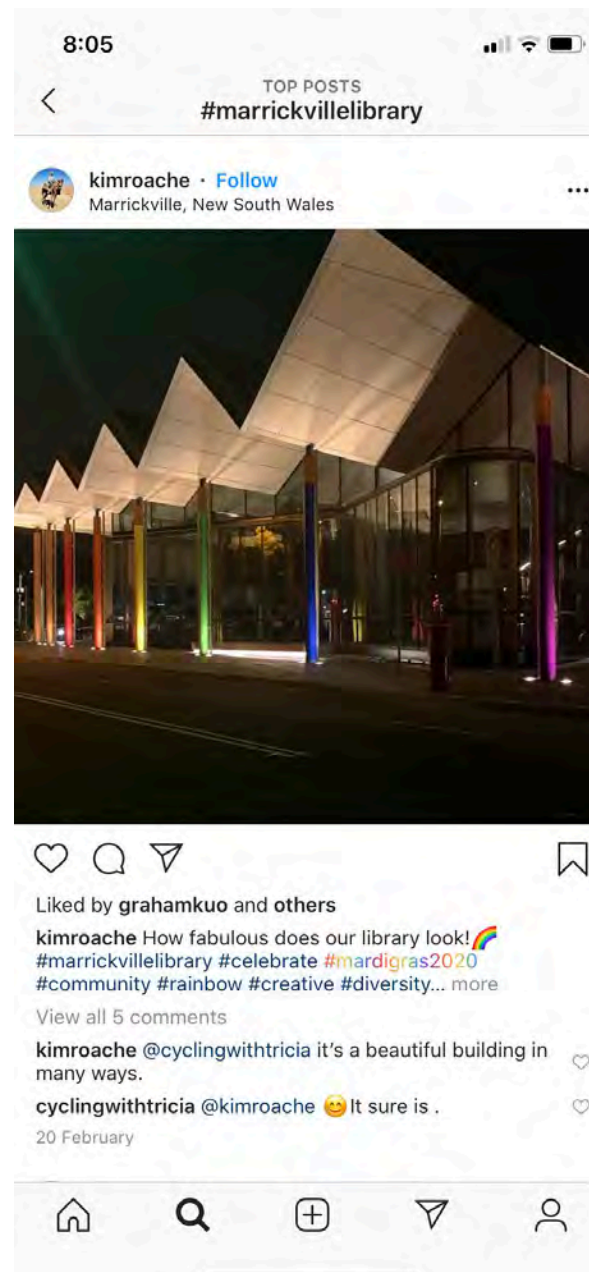
'such a wonderful adaptive reuse'



'all kinds of gorgeous and packed full of people'



'how fabulous does our library look!'



'I see many a write-athon in my future'



