

# Ready to go on new library

By Joanne Fosdike

PLANS for a new public library at Murray Bridge are now official with council signing the contract for the project on Tuesday.

Murray Bridge Council chief executive officer Damien Maloney met with a delegation of people ready to take the project to the next level, including project managers from ISIS, and interior designers from Hassell.

The new library will take up an 1800-square metre space within the new Marketplace Shopping Centre with a magnificent view of the riverfront.

Plans for the area include meeting and training rooms, an enlarged children's area and parents room, an internet hub, relaxed reading areas, video conferencing facilities and a purpose-built toy library area.

Hassell interior designer Yan-Yan Ho said the vision for the library would include a cafe and facilities which reflected changes in technology.

"Our key goal is to develop a life-long community area for the Murraylands' region and create somewhere all members of the community can socialise and learn," she said.

"The way technology has changed in the last 10 years and the way people learn has changed and we want to create different spaces to suit different people."

Murray Bridge council contracts and property manager



**Signing off:** Murray Bridge Council chief executive officer Damien Maloney, ISIS project manager Hans Wiget, Hassell interior designer Yan-Yan Ho and Murray Bridge council contracts and property manager Malcolm Downie at the signing of the new plans for the Murray Bridge Library, which will be located in the new shopping centre.

Malcolm Downie said the Murray Bridge Public Library would move from its existing location at Mobilong House towards the end of December and should re-open in the new

Marketplace Shopping Centre mid January.

"A massive cull has been done at the library on the books and we still have 40,000 books to move over," he said.

"The new library will be totally refurbished and the contents of the old library will be appropriated by council and some may be given to community groups."