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# Future bright for club



CANTERBURY home library service staffer Sally Meakin with residents Anthony and daughter Donna Saba after receiving their fortnightly complement of books and magazines. Photo by DANIELA GEDZ.  
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## \$1m transformation to centre for community

CANTERBURY Hurlstone Park RSL Club will spend more than \$1 million to realise its vision to maximise community use of the former Camperdown Bowling Club site, and will not be reliant on income from gaming.

After winning the tender for the club's refurbishment, plans include creating a community-oriented centre and transforming the bowling greens into food gardens and eventually an urban farm.

"There will be food and drink available but the centre will also focus on delivering a wide range of activities, classes and lifestyle programs like yoga instruction, for example," Marrickville Mayor Jo Haylen said.

"This will be an amazing asset for the community and I'm really excited for the local residents."

Operating since 1947, Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club has a long history of supporting the community, contributing more than \$2.6 million to community groups in the inner west over

the last five years. It became the preferred tenderer for the former bowling club site in January 2014.

It established Camperdown Project Pty Ltd ("CP") as a standalone, wholly owned subsidiary to operate the site. Camperdown Project has been working closely with Marrickville Council to finalise the lease agreement for the site.

Camperdown Project's spokesperson and Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club CEO Dean Thomas said: "We're thrilled and privileged to have the opportunity to revive a valued community facility, ensuring that it becomes a much-needed community-friendly space as well as a vibrant food and beverage operation."

Once approvals are given, work can start and the new facility is expected to open in early 2016. Residents who wish to be advised when the community meetings will be scheduled can subscribe to news updates at [camperdownproject.info](http://camperdownproject.info).