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New Library Opening Hours

Director of the ACT Library and Information Service, Vanessa Little, today announced new library opening hours for all ACT Public Libraries.

“In February 2007, the community was invited to provide feedback on proposed library opening hours. This feedback was provided via a survey available in print format in library branches as well as online,” said Ms Little.

“A new set of library opening hours has been prepared based on the survey responses, and in conjunction with library statistics and patterns of use.

“The total number of opening hours (402.5 hours per week) will not change. However, some hours have been reallocated to make best use of resources across the service.

“Library opening hours had not been reviewed for a number of years. It is now planned to review library opening hours on a regular basis. The new opening hours will begin on Tuesday 29 January 2008,” said Ms Little.

The new opening hours provide:

- Standardised Saturday hours with all branches open from 9.00am until 4.00pm.
- Increased hours on Sunday. Three libraries will open on Sunday from 10.00am until 5.00pm. This provides an equitable geographic spread across Canberra and access to the largest collections and numbers of public Internet PCs.
- Opening until 7.00pm for at least one library on the north side and one south side each day Monday to Friday.
- In most instances, libraries will open at 11.00am when they close at 7.00pm.
- Opening at 8.30am for at least one library on the north side and one south side each day Monday to Friday.
- Increased hours for Gungahlin Library, which will open on Monday and Tuesday.

ACT Public Library Opening Hours from Tuesday 29 January 2008 are attached.

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