

Revamp revitalises library

Richmond's revamped library is a crowd puller.

The \$2.2 million rebuild, completed last year, drew 41.5 per cent more visitors through the doors in the six months to December compared with the same time in 2009.

Libraries manager Glennis Coote told Tasman District Council's community service meeting yesterday the increase showed no sign of tailing off.

The extra numbers equate to 1552 more

people a week, or 913 a day, and new members are up by 74 per cent.

As a result, 1145 more items were issued each week, with significant rises in adults' magazines and children's books, she said.

New facilities like the Imaginarium digital content creation suite and the Learning Pod computer suite are proving to be a hit, she said.

"The increase in business has outstripped expectation and not yet levelled off."

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