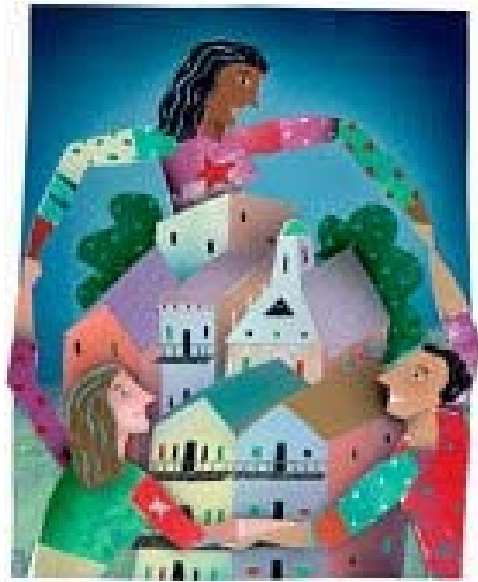




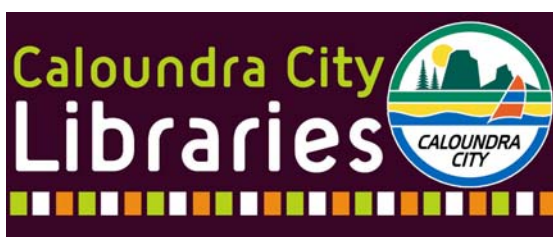
# LIBRARIES: THE THIRD PLACE



Sociologist Ray Oldenburg describes third places as “community places on neutral ground where people can gather and interact, in contrast to first places (home) and second places (work) ...informal gathering places, they make the citizen feel at home, they nourish relationships and diversity of human contact, they help create a sense of place and community, they invoke a sense of civic pride”.

**WHEN: Friday 8 June, 8.30 am - 4.30 pm**

**WHERE: Beerwah Hall,  
Peachester Rd, Beerwah**





Caloundra City Libraries presents a forum exploring the concept of libraries as Third Places, as places of connection and cohesion within communities. The forum features acclaimed international presenters.

- Kevin Harris, Local Level, UK
- Barbara MacKerrow and Bry Kopu - Cultural Third Places - Puke Ariki library, gallery and museum complex, New Plymouth, New Zealand
- Digital Third Places - Jane Carr, Education Qld
- Examples of best practice from across the State.
- Millennium Library Project: Vicki McDonald, State Library of Queensland

**Libraries - The Third Place** - practical, creative, professional development.

Strategies for

- Best practice community engagement for your library, museum, or arts space.
- Maximising community connections, contributing to stronger communities.
- Growing library spaces as people places – future proofing community spaces
- Evaluating public programming
- Secure funding...make the words count
- Advocacy – keeping your library on top of your organisational pyramid!

**For further information please contact Caloundra City Libraries  
on 5491 1255 or via email - [library@caloundra.qld.gov.au](mailto:library@caloundra.qld.gov.au)**





## KEVIN HARRIS

Kevin Harris is a community development consultant specialising in the use of information and communication to help people establish collective responses to the issues they face in their neighbourhoods. He has over 20 years experience in the UK community development field including extensive experience of work with public libraries, on social inclusion in the network society, and on community engagement.

Kevin was previously a British Library Research Fellow and has worked in public libraries, special libraries, and as an information consultant. He co-authored "Public Libraries and Community Cohesion" for the MLA, the national development agency for museums, libraries and archives in the UK.

Kevin is the editor of *Respect in the neighbourhood* (Russell House, 2006) and writes the [Neighbourhoods weblog](#). He established the [Local Level](#) consultancy in 2005. Kevin has been a trustee of [Citizens Online](#) since it was established in 2000. He is currently evaluating a community engagement programme in the museums libraries and archives sector in south east England.



## BARBARA MCKERROW

Barbara McKerrow is a General Manager at New Plymouth District Council, overseeing delivery of community services including Puke Ariki, Govett-Brewster Art Gallery, Community Development, Parks, Regulatory Services, Recreation and Events, and Customer Support. Barbara, a previous President of the Library and Information Association of New Zealand, was the senior manager who led the development of Puke Ariki.

*"Puke Ariki is a ground-breaking world-renowned knowledge centre in New Plymouth, New Zealand that unites a library, museum and visitor information centre in the one spectacular complex and promotes creativity and innovation within the Taranaki regional community."*



## BRY KOPU

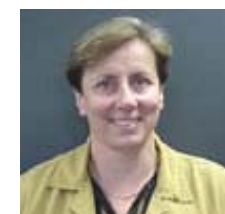
Bry Kopu is the Manager Community Development for New Plymouth District Council, leading a team of advisors who work with a cross-section of community organisations to help facilitate a strong, supportive and successful community network. Bry is well known for her work with the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs initiative and was recently sponsored by the Japanese government to represent New Zealand at a forum where she presented on New Plymouth's Youth and Positive Aging strategies.



## VICTORIA PALMER

*Libraries as third places can be seen as sites that enable ethical communities to emerge*

Dr Victoria Palmer is Research Fellow at the Faculty of Arts and Social Science, University of Sunshine Coast. Her PhD thesis explored the role of moral protest and cooperation in developing ethical communities.



## JANE CARR

*"Libraries... should be hubs or portals to places, people and resources beyond the walls of the physical space"*

The last 8 years Jane has enjoyed project managing large internet initiatives including Netdays, PLOT and the Learning Place, Education Queensland's e-learning environment. Jane is currently Manager E-Learning: E-business and Digital Pedagogies and manages new online projects that connect students and teachers to real world learnings.



## VICKI McDONALD

Vicki McDonald was appointed to the position of Director – Client Services and Collections at the State Library of Queensland in July 2002. The Client Services and Collections Program comprises 6 work units: Collection Access, Collection Preservation, Heritage Collections, Reference Services, Public Programs and Resource Discovery.





# Program

|               |   |  |
|---------------|---|--|
| 8.30 - 9 am   | Pre workshop tea and coffee available   |  |
| 9 - 9.15      | Welcome   |  |
| 9.15 - 9.30   | Third Places - concepts and research  | Louise Bauer, City Librarian, Caloundra City Libraries                                 |
| 9.30 - 10     | Third Places: public libraries and the critical role of ethical engagement                        | Dr Victoria Palmer, University of Sunshine Coast                                       |
| 10 - 10.45    | Puke Ariki - a creative, cultural third place!  | Barbara McKerrow and Bry Kopu, Puke Ariki, New Zealand                                 |
| 10.45 - 11.10 | Morning tea   |  |
| 11.10 - 11.40 | Digital Third Places - connected, engaged, relevant and challenging                               | Jane Carr, Manager E-Learning: E-Business and Digital Pedagogies, Education Queensland |
| 11.40 - 12.10 | In ur Arts  | Adam Lewczuk, Community Development, Caloundra City Council                            |
| 12.10 - 1.10  | You only miss them when they're gone: third places, the public realm, and collective involvement. | Kevin Harris<br>Local Level, UK  |
| 1.10 - 2      | Lunch   | Welcome by Mayor Aldous  |
| 2 - 3.30      | Creating an Urban Third Place - the Millennium Library project                                    | Vicki McDonald, SLQ  |
|               | Kuril Dhagun<br><br>Around Queensland: Our Third Places   | Nadine McDonald-Dowd, Indigenous Library Services, SLQ                                 |
| 3.30 - 4      | Workshop Round up   |  |
| 4 pm          | Close   |  |

## COST:

**\$70 per person; \$60 (conc)**

**Early Bird (paid by 24 May 2007)**

**\$60 per person; \$50 (conc)**

**All bookings and payment through The Events Centre**

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