

SUNBURY

# Learning centre promise

## PROJECT GETS LABOR SUPPORT

THE Labor Party has promised \$2 million to help build a new learning centre in Sunbury, if it wins the federal election.

The pledge towards the \$14 million project was made during a visit to Sunbury by the federal Opposition deputy leader Tanya Plibersek, who was joined by McEwen federal MP Rob Mitchell and Hume mayor Helen Patsikatheodorou.

The promise comes on top of a \$2 million pledge by Labor leader Bill Shorten late last month for a child health hub at Sunbury Community Health centre.

Ms Plibersek made the pledge at the library next door to the site at 46-48 Macedon St, bought by council in February for \$1.885 million to build a global learning centre.

Cr Patsikatheodorou was delighted with the promise of funds for the centre.

"Hume City Council is determined to build a learning centre of excellence for the people of Sunbury and beyond," she said.

"It will help generations of

Sunbury residents to learn across their entire life, and shall offer services for thousands of families."

The facility will include a state-of-the-art library, technology and equipment hub; flexible multipurpose community and activity meeting spaces and meeting/interview rooms; a computer and training space; conference facilities; exhibition space; local government customer service; and car parking, landscaping and outdoor courtyard.

Cr Patsikatheodorou said the declaration by the Labor Party demonstrated how important the learning centre was for Sunbury.

"I would like to thank Rob Mitchell, because he has advocated strongly in support of the Hume Global Learning Centre-Sunbury, where so many will learn," she said.

"Hume has asked both major parties to help council as it builds this learning centre for the Sunbury community, and we now look forward to hearing from the Liberal Party."



Federal Opposition deputy leader Tanya Plibersek checks out some robotics with local schoolchildren after the announcement at the Macedon St library.

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