



Librarian Kat Taylor (back, at sign) with library goers including Nathaniel and Mansehaj (front) at the site. Picture: DENNIS MANKTELOW

Gateway to learning

Barry Kennedy

SUNBURY will get a long-awaited global learning centre after Hume Council bought a site on Macedon St for \$1.885 million last Thursday.

The site at 46-48 Macedon St will eventually be home to a state-of-the-art library, modern communication facilities, and function and meeting rooms.

Hume chief executive Domenic Isola said the council would “build a learning centre of excellence at this fantastic location”.

“The site is right in the midst of

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the Sunbury township, and it’s very accessible and visible,” he said.

“That grassy space you see today will be transformed into a wonderful place for the entire community.”

Cr Ann Potter said she hoped that after the long wait the planning and construction proceeded quickly.

“The council has learnt a lot from the other global learning centres and modern libraries all around the state,” Cr Potter said.

“I’d hope we can pinch all of the

best ideas to build a great community space.”

Cr Potter said the centre would serve as “a gateway to Sunbury” and form a civic precinct with the adjoining council building and other key community infrastructure such as Western Water, Victoria Police and Sunbury Community Health buildings nearby.

“It has worked out really well, and with the site next to the current library and ample carparking,

disruption of services during the build could be kept pretty minimal,” she said.

Cr Jack Medcraft, a real estate agent, said he believed the council had secured the site at an excellent price in a location that “finishes off the jigsaw”.

Existing library users are celebrating the news.

Volunteer library facilitator Macleod Seyman said the existing library was already overused.

“We can have at least 15 people join us and at the same time you have a craft group, Scrabble and robotics – it’s chockers, and it will be great to move to a large space,” he said. Maddi Seyman, who also runs the group with her brother, shared the enthusiasm.

“I have been to Broadmeadows and Craigieburn global learning centres and to think we are going to have one too is incredible,” Ms Macleod said. “There aren’t many social places where groups can get together in Sunbury so it will make a great difference.”