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Public plugged in with new library computers

The community now has access to fast and reliable computers to use for free with Bunbury Library completing an upgrade to its suite of public PCs.

The 12 new computers replace outdated models to enable people to carry out typical PC tasks, including accessing the internet and email, with the only requirement that users hold a library card.

Also installed on the computers is the Microsoft suite of products including Word, Excel and Powerpoint.

Along with the new PCs, the library has updated the multifunction devices which supply the community with low cost printing, photocopying and scanning, including to USB.

Manager Library Services Sharon Chapman said the public computers enabled people who did not have access to a PC to be able to keep in touch with loved ones via applications such as Facebook and Skype.

“It is also important that the public has access to facilities that allow them to apply for jobs, submit forms to other agencies and even pay bills online,” Ms Chapman said.

“The City recognises that public access to computers and copiers play a very important part for our community and it demonstrates that the library is fast becoming far more than just a place to borrow books.”

The next stage of the project will involve the installation of new public Wi-Fi connections to both the public PCs and the “bring your own device” functionality.

“This will be completed and installed by the end of the financial year and provide a more stable internet service to the public,” Ms Chapman said.

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