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## A message from the Leader of the Opposition, Matthew Guy.

It gives me great pleasure to send my best wishes for today's opening of the Kathleen Syme Centre.

The Carlton community represents everything that is great about Melbourne, a rich multicultural identity, small businesses and traders, a wonderful café culture and wide variety of residents from all walks of life.

Although just a short distance from the CBD, Carlton has kept its sense of community and its facilities such as the Kathleen Syme Centre that ensure everyone has the opportunity to access vital resources.

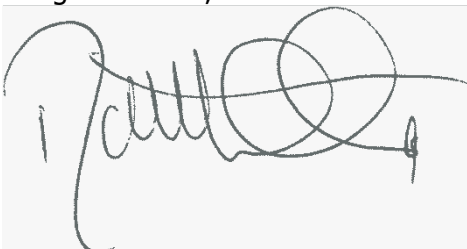
As we see our world rapidly change to a global neighbourhood through the internet and technology; libraries and community centres are becoming more and more important places for strengthening local connections. This centre will not just allow people to borrow books, but access a wide variety of services such as event spaces and meeting rooms where people can come and interact face-to-face, to learn and discover together.

It has been a long road to deliver this Library and Community Centre, and the hard work and dedication of so many here has finally paid off.

It was as the Shadow Minister for Planning when the Carlton Resident Association first approached me, frustrated with the red-tape and bureaucracy it faced at every turn. It was a simple request; that a building within their community, be allowed to be bought by the council for their community.

Today you can be proud of your efforts, happy in the knowledge that this centre will be available for the residents of Carlton today, and for future generations.

Congratulations,



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