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There was much excitement in the Library yesterday when the new ground level entrance was opened. The first 100 students through the doors received a goodie bag provided by the Library and neighbouring Agora traders. When the new doors opened staff were nearly mown down in the rush!

- **Ainslie Dewe, the University Librarian, made the following speech this morning at the opening of the new Level 1 entrance to the Borchardt Library:**

"Good morning Library users. This is an historic announcement! After more than forty years of entry to the Library being through the partially obscured entrance on Level 2 we are moving in a few minutes to a prominent entrance and exit to Level 1 of the Agora.

If you want to be part of this event you may exit from Level 2 now, for the last time, and come back in on Level 1. There will be 'goodie' bags for the first one hundred through, with gifts kindly donated by our neighbours, the Agora traders.

The doors on Level 2 will soon be closed, for the last time, by long serving members of Library staff.

I would like to thank you all for your patience over the last few months. The building works are not over yet; much of Level 2 is being refurbished with the facilities you are now enjoying on Level 1.

Thanks to Library staff for the continued service offered through the disruption and noise. Thanks also to the building contractors who have shared our work space all year and who are with us for another month or so.

Please join us at the magnificent entrance on Level 1. Jesse Marshall, Student Guild President, will cut a ribbon. "

*Ainslie Dewe, University Librarian*



Left: Students and staff gather at the Library entrance before the new doors are opened.



Above: There was a last minute rush to finish the work!



Left: The crowd awaits the cutting of the red ribbon.



Above: Staff wait inside with the 100 goodie bags.



Below: University Librarian, Ainslie Dewe with Mr Nicholas Anthony, a student in the second year of a Bachelor of Nanotechnology who was the first person through the new entrance.



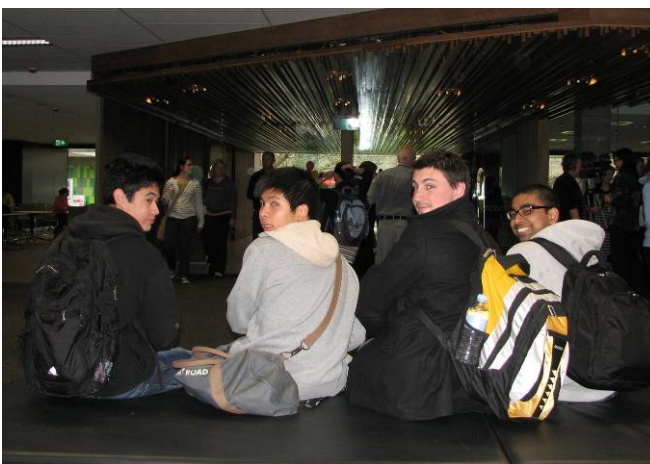
Above: Jesse Marshall, current Student Guild President, addressing the crowd before cutting the ribbon.

Below: Students enjoying the new entry area.



Above: New foyer and security gates.

Below: View from Reserve into the Agora.



- **Level 2 works** – Works on Level 2, which include the academic staff and postgraduate student study areas, a collaborative classroom and two collaborative workrooms, 4 study booths and more study areas, are now underway and are expected to be completed by late October 2010.

- **Floor plans** - See floor plans below for an indication of the layout and locations of facilities and resources for all three floors of the Library. These will be updated online and can be found at: [www.lib.latrobe.edu.au/melbourne/maps-floorplans.php](http://www.lib.latrobe.edu.au/melbourne/maps-floorplans.php)
- **Further information about the Library Redevelopment Project**  
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