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Hub home deal means Mambourin cafe can reopen

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THE Migrant Hub has found a new home.

As reported in the *Leader* last month, Wyndham's only migrant centre had until this week to move before its existing building in Hoppers Lane, Werribee, was demolished for a medical centre.

But last Friday, charity Mambourin came to the hub's rescue with an agreement to allow the hub to operate Mambourin's cafe and sensory gardens in Werribee.

Mambourin's own cafe was forced to close last December due to lack of passing trade.

Its main purpose had been to provide employment and training to

people with disabilities.

Mambourin chief executive Rohan Braddy said the hub would now run the cafe and maintain the gardens while involving Mambourin clients. "This is an opportunity to build on the hard work put into these gardens and cafe over so many years to create something truly wonderful for and with the

people that we support and the wider community," he said.

Hub president Walter Villagonzalo said the agreement exceeded his best hopes.

"It allows us to continue almost without faltering so we don't lose any of the momentum," he said.

The hub will reopen at Mambourin next week.