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**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 12 NOVEMBER 2025  
REPORTS TO COUNCIL – INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**

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**1. WORKS REPORT**

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**Executive Summary**

This report provides information regarding works undertaken during the given period for operational and capital works.

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**Report**

The Works Report (**Attachment No. 1**) for the period 30 September to 4 November 2025 is presented to Council for information.

**Financial Implications**

Council has provision for these services in its Operational Budget.

**Legal and Regulatory Compliance**

Local Government Act 1993  
Roads Act 1993

**Risk Management Issues**

Nil

**Internal/External Consultation**

Nil

Attachments

1. Works Report (**Attachment No. 1**).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the information be noted.

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**2. PROPOSED TIMELINE – PUBLIC AMENITIES; MAIN STREET NARROMINE**

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This report presents information and recommendations regarding the most suitable location for a new public toilet in Narromine's main street.

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**Report**

Background

Council has received several complaints from residents regarding the lack of public toilet facilities in the vicinity of the Kierath Shopping Complex, which includes Coles. In response to these concerns, Council resolved:

**6. PUBLIC AMENITIES IN NARROMINE**

**RESOLVED** Crs Jones/Smith;

1. That the public toilets adjacent to the Narromine Aquatic Centre be reopened immediately and remain operational until a site in the Narromine CBD is found, and new Public Toilets are completed. Signage to be reinstated as soon as possible.
2. Undertake an investigation into suitable locations for public toilet facilities within the Narromine main street precinct and present a report to Council outlining the findings and recommendations within 3 months.

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The public toilets at the Aquatic Centre were partially reopened in early September. The accessible toilet and the former female toilet are now operational and being used as unisex facilities. The male toilet remains closed pending repair works estimated at approximately \$3,000. At this stage there is no budget to undertake repair works to the male toilet. Initially, the toilets were left open at all times; however, following significant vandalism in early October, they are now locked overnight.

This report outlines potential sites and options for public toilet facilities within the Narromine main street.

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### Investigation

Staff undertook a walkthrough of Narromine's main street (from the railway crossing to the United Services Club) and identified 21 potential sites for public toilets. It was determined that any location north of the USMC area would not be suitable due to distance from the main shopping precinct and reduced accessibility.

Each site was assessed against eight key criteria:

1. Water availability
2. Sewer availability
3. Power availability
4. Visibility to main street (for accessibility and to reduce vandalism)
5. Parking availability
6. Requirement for land purchase
7. Distance to main shopping precinct
8. Development Approval (DA) requirements

Through this process, two sites were identified as potential locations for public toilets within Narromine.

### Option 1 – Nymagee Street

This option proposes locating the public amenities within the existing road reserve on Nymagee Street. The site provides convenient access to nearby parking and is within close proximity to the main street and the Kierath Shopping Complex. It is also positioned within view of existing street cameras, enhancing safety and security. Water and sewer services are located nearby which allows for cost effective and straightforward installation. The Development application (DA) for this location is expected to be relatively simple and low cost.

Additionally, the site would be easy and safe to access from the main street for shoppers at the Coles Complex, Post office and other shops along Dandaloo Street due to both the existing pedestrian crossing and footpaths.

The installation of the amenities block would result in the loss of approximately seven parking spaces; however, this is not expected to significantly impact shops or road users as there is sufficient parking existing on Nymagee Street. The Parking Area at the back of Lot 1 DP 667906 (previously the ANZ Bank) would not be impacted by the development.

The new facility would be set approximately 15 metres from the corner of Nymagee and Dandaloo Streets to ensure public safety and minimise visual impact to Lot 1. A fence would be installed around the kerb to guide pedestrian movement and maximise pedestrian safety. Landscaping would be incorporated between the intersection and the amenities block to maintain the area's visual appeal. A concept layout is shown below.

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It is estimated that a budget of \$250,000 would be required to undertake the works. This includes water and sewer connection, landscaping and concrete works, purchase of a flat pack toilet block (similar to the one pictured below), installation works, and minor modifications to the road corner delineation, signage and line marking.



Figure 1: Proposed location of Amenities Block (Option 1)

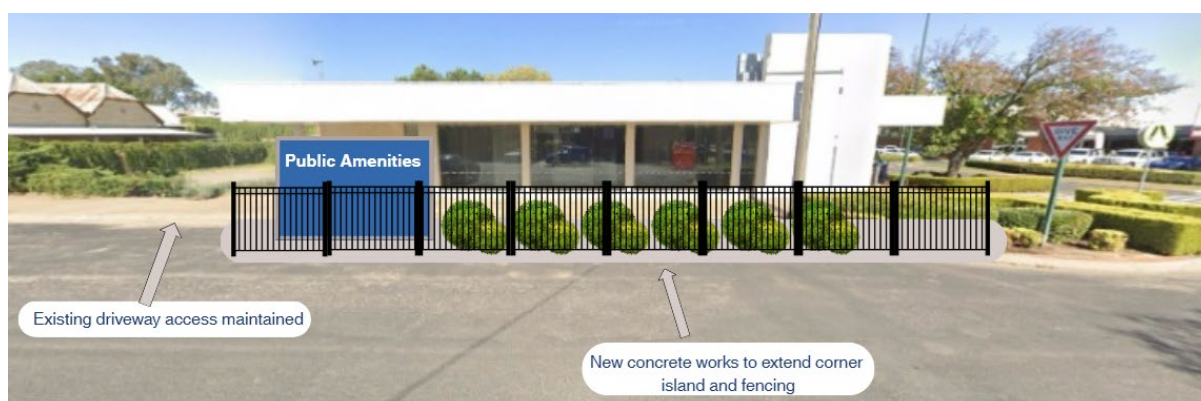


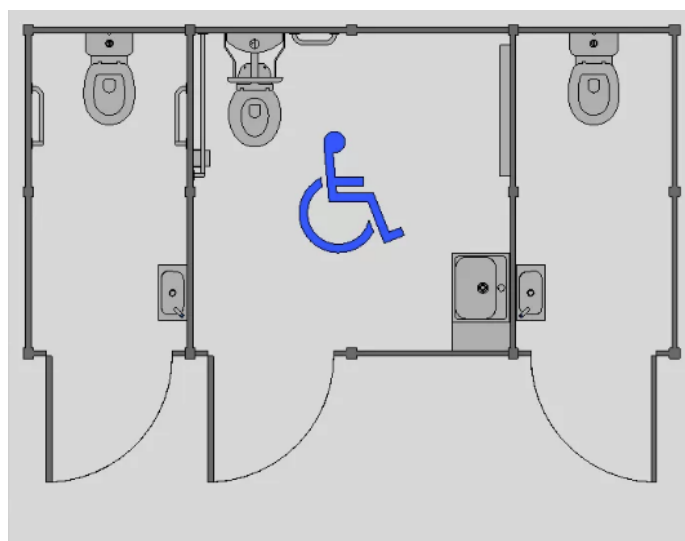
Figure 2: Proposed street layout of Public Amenities (Option 1)

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*Figure 3: Conceptual image of proposed amenities (Option 1)*

The toilet block would have two ambulant toilets and a disabled toilet, similar to the layout shown below.



*Figure 4: Conceptual amenities layout - option 1*

It is recommended that the selection of this option (once constructed) results in the permanent closure of the existing Aquatic Centre toilets. This will result in a single increase in Narromine's public toilet facilities. Dundas Park and surrounding area will be serviced by the existing Dundas Park toilet facilities. Consolidating amenities in this manner would enable Council to manage operations more efficiently and remain within existing budget allocations, while continuing to provide accessible and appropriate facilities for residents and visitors.



## **2. PROPOSED TIMELINE – PUBLIC AMENITIES; MAIN STREET NARROMINE (Cont'd)**

### Option 2 – Upgrade of existing public amenities at the Aquatic Centre

The second option involves a full upgrade and refurbishment of the existing public toilets located within the Narromine Aquatic Centre. The proposed works would include:

- Installation of new security gates with automatic timed locks
- Review and redesign of the layout to comply with current Australian Standards for disability access (AS1428.1 *Design for Access and Mobility* and the *Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010*)
- Replacement of the existing underground sewer lines
- Installation of CCTV overlooking the amenities to deter and monitor anti-social behaviour
- Installation of new toilet cisterns
- Review and upgrade of the ventilation system
- Removal of asbestos from the building

The public amenities at the Narromine Aquatic Centre were constructed in 1979 and form part of the main Aquatic Centre building. While the facilities appear to be in reasonable condition externally, significant underground sewer infrastructure issues have developed over time. These issues result in frequent blockages, requiring costly maintenance and unblocking works approximately every two months.

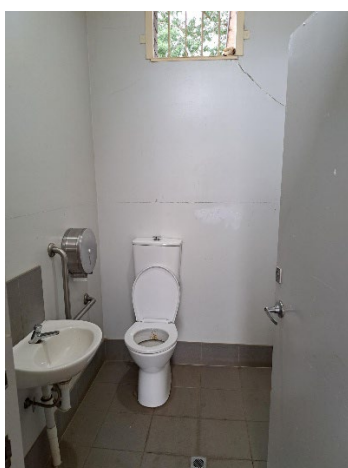
In addition to the sewer problems, the facility faces several operational challenges, including:

- Non-compliance with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*
- Inability to automatically secure the building after hours

The estimated cost to refurbish the toilets to a compliant and acceptable standard is approximately \$120,000.

The facility is located around 200 metres from the new, fully accessible Dundas Park toilets and approximately 350 metres from the front entrance of the Coles Complex.

**The location of this toilet does not address the requirement for public toilets within the main street of Narromine.**



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### Next Steps

The following outlines the proposed timeline for progressing the public toilet upgrades. Timeframes for both options are expected to be similar.

<b>Task</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Confirm preferred location of the toilet	November 2025
Public consultation on the preferred option	November – January 2026
Review location, determine project scope, develop detailed project cost estimates and design, undertake preliminary Development Application (DA)	March 2026
Include project budget within 2026/27 budget	June 2026
Undertake and complete construction	October 2026 – April 2027
Commission and open amenities block, including installation of signage	June 2027

### **Financial Implications**

There is no provision for these works in the current budget. Costs associated with investigation and design will be covered through Council's existing maintenance and operational budget.

An allocation for capital upgrades will need to be included in Council's 2026/2027 capital budget to undertake the proposed works.

Note: Funding for this project will be drawn from the General Fund, which will result in a reduced budget allocation for the capital roads program.

The operation of an additional public amenities block will cost Council approximately \$15,000 per year (based on current cleaning and maintenance costs of amenity blocks across the Shire).

### **Legal and Regulatory Compliance**

Local Government Act 1993  
Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)  
Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)  
Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010 (Cth)  
Building Code of Australia / National Construction Code  
Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (NSW)  
Public Health Act 2010 (NSW)

## **2. PROPOSED TIMELINE – PUBLIC AMENITIES; MAIN STREET NARROMINE (Cont'd)**

### **Risk Management Issues**

Financial Risk: Utility connection costs vary by site; delays or unexpected infrastructure issues could increase project costs.

Reputational Risk: Failure to deliver a functional, accessible public toilet facility in a timely manner could result in community dissatisfaction.

Vandalism/Anti-Social Behaviour: Narromine toilets experience high vandalism rates. Even post-construction, the facility may remain vulnerable to vandalism or anti-social behaviour if security measures are insufficient.

### **Internal/External Consultation**

Internal: Council's Infrastructure and Engineering Services team, Water and Sewer Operations, and Planning staff have been involved in site assessments and cost estimation.

External: Public consultation will be undertaken to seek feedback on the proposed location.

### Attachments

Nil

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Endorses Option 1 (Nymagee Street) as the preferred location for the proposed public amenities;
2. Places the proposed design on public exhibition for a period of 40 days; and
3. Receives a report at the March 2026 Council Meeting summarising public feedback and providing detailed costings.

Melanie Slimming

**Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services**



## WORKS REPORT

### WATER AND SEWER

With the onset of warmer weather, water usage has increased significantly, resulting in higher production levels at both the Tomingley and Narromine Water Treatment Plants. Staff have also been busy this month completing a number of water and sewer connections.

Council has received the first stage of the draft report for the Water Treatment Plant Concept Design, which has been submitted to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) for approval. The second stage of the project is now underway, with the design team—comprising both internal staff and external experts—working towards completing the report by April. This timeline will allow Council to seek construction funding prior to the end of the financial year.

Council staff have also contacted the Grant Funding body at DCCEEW regarding the uncertainty of future funding opportunities. While the department is currently unable to provide certainty or guidance, it has advised that the best way to maximise future funding opportunities is to progress existing funded projects as efficiently and accurately as possible. Further clarity is expected once Council applies for construction funding in mid-2026.

In addition, Council received the final draft of the Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) 30-year strategy from consultants in mid-October. Staff are currently reviewing and updating the document, with the intention of presenting it to the December Council meeting, subject to consultant turnaround times.



*Figure 1: Installation of a sewer connection - Third Avenue*

## **ROADS REPORT**

Maintenance grading continues across the road network, with recent works carried out across the Shire, including Cornucopia Road, Tomingley Cemetery Road, Kyalite Road, Raeburn Lane, Strathallyn Road and Hamilton's Lane.

The Tomingley/Gainsborough Roads intersection widening works started in mid-October. Crews are mostly working on the road shoulders, with minimal impact to traffic. Culvert extensions occurred as part of the works. Crews are monitoring traffic and will pause work to ensure no impact during the busy harvest period. The work will allow for turning lanes into and out of the western portion of Gainsborough Road – no turning lanes or modifications will be made to the eastern portion of Gainsborough Road.

The Tomingley Gold highway realignment project is underway, with construction of the new Kyalite Road (Council Road) starting in late October. This work is being completed by Tomingley Gold and is occurring alongside the highway realignment (undertaken by Robson Civil). The works are expected to be completed in late 2026.

A short paved walkway has been installed in the main street of Narromine to improve pedestrian access and enhance the visual appeal of the area. The space was previously heavily used by pedestrians, resulting in a worn dirt track. The installation of the new pavers has improved both functionality and appearance.



*Figure 2 - Left: Construction works are happening on the Tomingley and Gainsborough Roads intersection. Right: Maintenance grading on Tomingley Cemetery Road occurred in October*

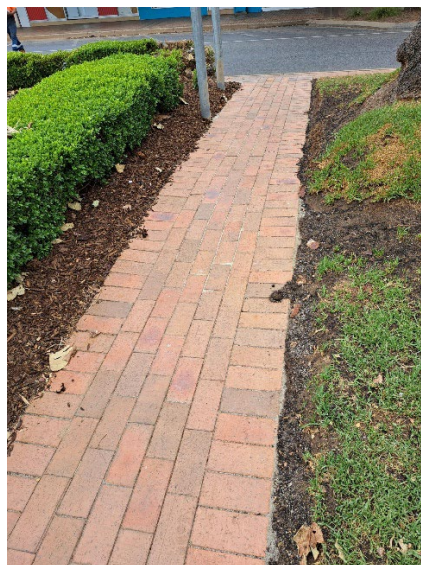


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**ROADS REPORT (Cont'd)**



*Figure 3 – Left: Linemarking in front of the Trangie Hospital was undertaken during October. Right: New paved access in Dandaloo Street Narromine was completed in late October.*



*Figure 4: Culvert Extensions across Tomingley Road occurred in October*

Drainage works on Enmore Street in Trangie are underway with new swale drains dug and concrete driveways being installed. The works are expected to be completed prior to Christmas.

## **ROADS REPORT (Cont'd)**

### Eumungerie Road Speed Limit Review

Council installed the 80 km/hr speed limit signs as part of Transport for NSW's review of the speed limit on Eumungerie Road.



*Figure 5: New 80km/hr speed signs on Eumungerie Road.*

## **PARKS AND GARDENS**

The Parks and Gardens team have had a productive month, with a focus on event preparation and ongoing maintenance across the Shire. Cale Oval was prepared for the Dolly Festival, with the grounds presenting exceptionally well and a smooth pack-down completed following the event. Soft fall mulch has been installed at both the Narromine and Trangie playgrounds, improving safety and presentation.

Business-as-usual activities have continued, including litter management, whipper snipping, mowing, irrigation repairs, BBQ cleaning, and tree watering. In addition, nine new trees are scheduled to be planted along Meryula Street near Dundas Oval. Across the Shire, wooden tables and seats have been sanded and oiled as part of routine asset maintenance.

Works at Noel Powell Oval (Rotary Park) are ongoing, with the team continuing to work collaboratively with the contractor to progress improvements at the site.



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**PARKS AND GARDENS (Cont'd)**



Figure 6 – Left: Irrigation system repairs! Right: Newly oiled tables at Rotary Park



Figure 7: The team clearing a fallen tree after an electrical storm



Figure8: Sofffall (mulch) replacement at Swift's Park, Trangie

### **Narromine Floodplain Project**

In 2024, Council secured grant funding to undertake an update of the Narromine Floodplain Management Plan. The existing plan, prepared in 2022, identifies the construction of a levee as the primary flood mitigation priority. The updated plan will explore alternative flood mitigation strategies, including the rehabilitation of the existing levee, non-structural management approaches, and guidance for integration with planning documentation.

Public consultation and community engagement for the project are expected to commence later this year, with a report to Council anticipated in the first half of 2026.