
**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 10 SEPTEMBER 2025
QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE REPORT**

The following Questions with Notice have been received: -

Questions with Notice from Cr Jones

1. MOTEL ACCOMMODATION OPPORTUNITIES

Are there any opportunities that may be available to seek interest in the development of motel accommodation in Narromine?

I understand from those that are running events in the region and feedback from visitors to the area that there is a real shortage of accommodation available to visitors in Narromine. This has become an impediment on visitor numbers, and the available accommodation would appear to be reducing.

Response from the Director Community and Economic Development

The opportunities in regard to visitor accommodation and existing number of beds will be detailed amongst the opportunities to pursue in the next Economic Development Strategy.

2. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES PARKS AND OVAL PRECINCTS

What are the next steps and any funding opportunities that may be available in the development of the Dundas/Payten Park and Oval precincts?

Response from the Director Community and Economic Development

There have been fewer grant opportunities available to Council of late. Those opportunities that have been available have required a significant contribution from Council. In 2025/26 Council resolved to undertake the development of the new cricket storage facility (a matching funding opportunity is identified and has been applied for) and to renew the fencing at Dundas and Payten Ovals. The fencing at Dundas is due to commence shortly. The completion of the northern drainage project will allow the completion of the footpath on the eastern side of Dundas Oval and will allow for improvements in the parking area on Meryula Street.

Question with Notice from Cr Howe

3. BUSINESS CASE – CRAIGIE LEA INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT

Given Council is moving ahead with the development of the Craigie Lea Industrial Precinct, will Councillors be provided with a revised business case including all revenue and cost assumptions, capital expenditure, expected cashflow for each year of the development and source of funding?

Response from the General Manager

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 July 2025, Council resolved that a further report be made by the end of March 2026 and/or prior to any procurement for the construction of the subdivision. The report to Council will include a revised business case, addressing funding options, and address project and contractual risk.

Questions with Notice from Cr Smith

4. NARROMINE WASTE DEPOT

What is the life expectancy of the Narromine Waste Depot?

Response from Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services

Council's *Waste Management Strategy 2020–2028* indicates that the current footprint of the Narromine Waste Depot has capacity until at least 2050 before reaching full capacity.

Does Council have any plans for another site?

Response from Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services

There is capacity to expand the facility to the east.

What is the soil that ARTC is dumping at the Narromine Waste Depot being used for?

Response from Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services

All soil disposed of at Council's waste facilities is used for daily and long-term capping of waste. This process involves spreading a thin layer of soil over compacted waste to prevent wind dispersal, reduce fire risk by minimising oxygen exposure, and support rehabilitation of the site. Soil is essential for the safe operation and long-term management of all waste facilities.

5. PUBLIC AMENITIES

What is the status of the temporary re-opening of the public toilets alongside the Narromine Aquatic Centre?

Response from Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services

The disabled toilet is open.

Council is currently sourcing the required replacement parts for the female toilet. It is expected that the female toilet will be opened in the next 2 – 3 weeks.

The male toilet is broken and requires parts that can no longer be sourced. Council will leave this toilet closed and replace the sign on the female toilet to unisex, enabling two public toilets to be available.

6. TEMPORARY WORKERS CAMP AT NARWONAH

Who gave Inland Rail approval for a Temporary Workers Camp at Narwonah?

When did this occur?

On what part of the site is the Temporary Workers Camp proposed?

Will this Temporary Workers Camp be limited to 500 beds or is there provision to increase this number?

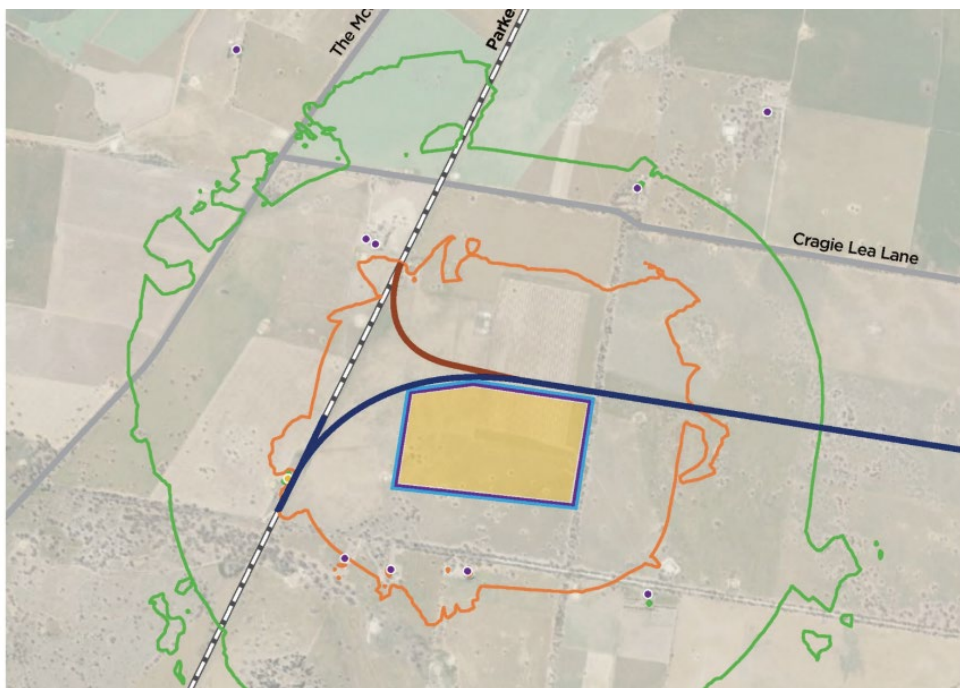
Given there are a number of renewable projects across our Shire, have there been any discussions about other companies establishing a workers camp?

Response from Director Community and Economic Development

The State Significant Approval for application SSI-9487 was given on the 21 February 2023.

The application and approval were provided for up to 500 beds. A change to that approval would need to be considered by the Department of Planning and may require a modification to their approval.

The approved footprint area is provided below for the workers camp at Narwonah.



All applications and approvals for the Narromine to Narrabri section of Inland Rail can be found at:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/inland-rail-narromine-narrabri>

There has been some early discussion with other large projects about their worker/accommodation needs. However more detailed discussions will be required as other projects develop closer to construction.