
NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING BUSINESS PAPER – 14 MAY 2025
REPORTS TO COUNCIL – INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

1. WORKS REPORT

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Link to Strategic Plans	CSP – 4.3.4 Ensure Council's property assets are monitored and well managed

Executive Summary

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

Report

The Works Report (**Attachment No. 1**) for the period 31 March to 4 May 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. KURRAJONG TREES – NARROMINE CEMETERY UPDATE

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Executive Summary

This report provides an update on the ongoing management of the tree canopy at the Narromine Cemetery including staged implementation and further investigation works.

Report

In April 2024 Council resolved the following in reference to the Kurrajong trees at the Narromine Cemetery:

RESOLVED Crs Collins/Lambert that Council;

1. Defer the selection of the preferred trees.
2. Undertake the staged implementation program listed in the report, with the replacement budget and program reviewed annually.
3. Investigate the removal of the further 9 kurrajongs trees at the Narromine Cemetery as part of the tree replacement program.
4. Continue to boarder the northern side of the Cemetery with Manchurian Pear trees.

2024/065

Over the past 12 months, Narromine Cemetery has been a key focus for Council's Parks and Gardens team. Notable outcomes include:

- Significant landscape and vegetation work undertaken in mid-2024, resulting in healthy regrowth and improved aesthetics.
- The removal of all dead or diseased trees, improving safety and appearance.
- Establishment of an annual inspection program to monitor tree health.
- A commitment to replacing any future dead or sick trees with more suitable alternative species as part of a long-term canopy strategy.

These ongoing improvements are supported through Council's regular cemetery maintenance program, with additional funding accessed through the tree replacement budget when needed.

While the removal and replacement of all 35 Kurrajong trees remains under long-term consideration, no large-scale removals are planned for the 2025/26 financial year. Any works will be limited to individual sickly trees and carried out in accordance with heritage and environmental requirements.

2. KURRAJONG TREES – NARROMINE CEMETERY UPDATE (Cont'd)

Council is also investigating the potential removal of a further nine Kurrajong trees as part of the overall tree replacement program. These works will be assessed within the staged implementation framework and subject to available funding and approvals.

Financial Implications

There is currently no budget allocated for full-scale tree replacement. All planned works for 2025/26 will be funded through existing maintenance budgets, with replacement costs reviewed annually and external grant funding to be explored.

Legal and Regulatory Compliance

Local Government Act 1993

Local Environmental Plan (2011) – Heritage Item

Risk Management Issues

- The cemetery is of high emotional and cultural importance to the community and must be treated with care and respect.
- All works within the cemetery need to be managed to ensure minimal disruption to the ground and surrounding areas, preserving the peaceful and undisturbed nature of the site.
- Works must comply with heritage requirements, and sensitive community engagement and professional oversight are essential to maintaining trust and site integrity.

Internal/External Consultation

- Community consultation on the Kurrajong trees was undertaken in 2022, with 15 submissions received (7 in favour of retention, 7 in favour of replacement, 1 undecided).
- A heritage consultant was engaged in late 2023 to provide advice on the tree canopy.
- A draft Cemetery Master Plan, including tree replacement considerations, was released for community feedback in early 2025.
- Community input has informed the staged approach to tree replacement and ongoing maintenance planning.

Attachments

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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Director Infrastructure and Engineering Services

WORKS REPORT

Water and Sewer

The water and sewer team have been busy over the last month. The trunk main from the reservoir along Harris Street in Trangie is currently being replaced. This significant infrastructure project aims to enhance water distribution and ensure ongoing reliable service to the residents. In late May, there will be two scheduled town-wide water outages to facilitate the connection of the new main. The first outage will last at least 4 hours, while the second will be shorter, approximately 2 hours. Notices will be provided in advance to minimise inconvenience to residents.

The water main along Temoin Street, Narromine, has been successfully completed. This project was crucial for improving water flow and reliability in the area.

Water consumption remains very low across the towns, due to the cooler weather. As a result, the booster pump stations in Narromine and Trangie are not currently in use, aligning with the tariff times for optimal operational efficiency and reducing electrical costs. Council's control system permits our large "high-lift" pumps to operate only during off-peak electricity times when electricity costs are lowest. This is just one way the water team reduces operational costs.

The water team is scheduled to undergo training for the operation of the sewer "jetter" (a high-pressure hose system that can unblock clogged sewer pipes) and vacuum trailer. This training is vital for ensuring that the team is proficient in using this high-risk plant for maintaining and clearing water and sewer infrastructure.

Council staff are working with the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and Water (DCCEE) to finalise grant funding for the concept design of the Narromine water treatment plant. Preliminary works with consultants are underway to progress the design.

Roads

Asphalt mill and fill work has been completed at the approaches to the Dandaloo rail crossing and the Tantitha Road rail crossing, leading to significant improvements in these areas.



Figure 1: Asphaltting and sealing works were completed at the railway crossing on Tantitha Road

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Roads (Cont'd)



Figure 2: Asphalting works were completed at the Dandaloo Street Railway Crossing, Narromine

Recent and ongoing works include upgrade works on Momo Road and Belmont Road, shoulder widening and improvement works of Dandaloo Road, and maintenance grading and resheeting works on Tantitha Road & Pinedene Road. The widening and upgrade of Tullamore Road is also underway.



Figure 3: Belmont Road resheeting and sealing works

Roads (Cont'd)



Figure 4: Pinedene Road (1st image) and Tantitha Road following recent works



Figure 5: Momo Road Betterment works underway

Recent wet weather and public holidays have delayed some works; however, the flood damage repair works have resulted in decreased customer complaints and an increased overall condition of the roads.

Additionally, the construction team is actively working on the levee, improving the walking trail and ensuring its integrity.

Parks and Gardens

The continued warm weather has resulted in continued growth of grass and plants, necessitating more frequent mowing and maintenance. Consequently, the parks and gardens team has been busy, ensuring that public spaces remain well-groomed and inviting for the community.

In late April, weed and general garden maintenance of Eric Woods Park (Tomingley) and surrounding public areas were carried and at Dundas Park, the irrigation system has been turned off to assist with the installation of the Northern Drainage pipework.

At Burns Oval Trangie, new goal posts were erected prior to the first home game of the season.



Figure 6: New goal posts were installed at Burns Oval (Trangie)

In Narromine, the team is focussing on preparing all ovals for the first home game, prepping the playing surfaces and surrounds of the ovals.

Street tree canopy lifting has begun this week to facilitate street sweeper access and improve vision for road users. Targeted streets include Sixth and Second Avenues on the north side of town, Third Avenue, and Meryula Street on both the north and south sides.

Other items of interest:

- In the main street, sunken pavers have been fixed ensuring the area was well-prepared for the Anzac celebrations.
- At Narromine Cemetery, the team has been topping up sunken graves
- The Trangie Cemetery is receiving ongoing general maintenance, adjusting irrigation run times, preparing for tree trimming, and topping up sunken graves to keep the cemetery in good condition.
- Trees have been planted in the Council subdivision in Trangie, contributing to the greening of the area.
- New turf has been installed at Burns Oval in Trangie



Figure 7: Graves have been reinstated at the Narromine Cemetery

Council Chambers Roof Replacement – Project Update

The replacement of the Council Chambers roof is now complete, resulting in both aesthetic and practical improvements, including the resolution of previous leaking issues. Internal works, including painting and carpeting, are scheduled to commence in early May, during which the office will be vacated for several weeks. There will be no impact on Council Meetings. Staff will remain fully accessible via email, phone, and scheduled appointments, with no disruptions expected at the front counter. Works are expected to be completed by mid-June.

Council Chambers Roof Replacement – Project Update (Cont'd)



Figure 8: Aerial view of Council Chambers' new roof

Library Works

Works at the Narromine Library are nearing completion with only finishing touches to go. It is expected the works will be completed by the middle of May. The new toilets will significantly improve the experience of all library users and for staff.

Works are set to start on the Trangie Library as soon as the Narromine project is complete.



Figure 9: Works at the Narromine Library are nearly complete

Northern Drainage Pipework Installation

Works are progressing well on the northern drainage pipework installation along Meryula Street in Narromine. The contractor has made significant headway, with the majority of open excavation works now complete.

Transport for NSW has approved the underbore under both Culling and Burraway Streets, and works are scheduled to be undertaken in early May. The project remains on schedule, with full completion expected in June. Council appreciates the continued patience and understanding of the school community and the public as these important works progress.