
**NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL
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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 7 February 2025 to 28 February 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

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

2. PROPOSAL TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON DANDALOO STREET

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Link to Strategic Plans	CSP – 3.6.1 Ensure local and regional road network best meets the needs of road users and industry.

Executive Summary

This report presents the proposed reduction of the speed limit on Dandaloo Street in Narromine to 40 km/h between the Merilba Street (near the Court House Hotel) and Culling Street (near Soul Food). The report also outlines the proposed community engagement strategy.

Report

Dandaloo Street, particularly the section between the Merilba Street and Culling Street, experiences consistently high pedestrian traffic throughout the day. This area is home to key locations such as the local post office and nearby businesses, which contribute to the increased pedestrian activity. Given the safety concerns raised by the community, particularly regarding pedestrian crossings, a proposal to reduce the speed limit to 40 km/h was raised at the December 2024 Traffic Committee meeting. The representative from Transport for NSW, present at the meeting, expressed strong support for the proposal and indicated a willingness to take the next steps in advancing the request.

The current daily traffic volume on Dandaloo Street exceeds 7,000 vehicles, with traffic flowing in both directions. Although many drivers already adjust their speed to align with the high pedestrian activity, reducing the speed limit would provide further assurance for pedestrian safety and send a clear signal to motorists about the presence of vulnerable road users in the area.

In light of the significant pedestrian traffic, along with concerns from residents and business owners, reducing the speed limit to 40 km/h is seen as a proactive measure to address these safety concerns. This would be particularly beneficial for pedestrians crossing near the post office and other high-traffic areas on Dandaloo Street.

However, it is important to note that the road is not owned or controlled by Council, and as such, Council does not have the authority to directly adjust the speed limit. Should Council endorse this proposal, Council staff will formally request Transport for NSW to review the current speed limit on Dandaloo Street, specifically for the section between the Merilba Street and Culling Street, as highlighted in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Proposed extent of 40 km/h zone

Financial Implications

No financial implication to Council. If the speed limit change is endorsed Transport for NSW will purchase the new signage.

Legal and Regulatory Compliance

Local Government Act 1993
Roads Act 1993

2. PROPOSAL TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON DANDALOO STREET (Cont'd)

Risk Management Issues

The following should be considered:

- Stakeholder engagement
- Pedestrian safety
- Traffic management

Internal/External Consultation

Nil proposed. Significant communication to occur with the public if the speed limit is altered.

Attachments

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council request Transport for NSW reviews the speed limit on Dandaloo Street, between Merilba Street and Culling Street (as per Figure 1).

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WORKS REPORT

Water and Sewer

Water usage during February fluctuated; high temperatures at the end of the month saw extremely high usage, with demand on some days exceeding production. However, cooler days in early February saw demand decrease from the peak of January usage. The Water Team continues to actively manage reservoirs throughout the three towns to ensure service continuity.

Councillors attended a Water and Sewer introduction session in early February, presented by the Executive Officer of the NSW Water Directorate. The session focused on key responsibilities for Councillors and local water utilities. A second session is planned for late March to review Council's long-term water and sewer strategy.

In February the water team relocated a water hydrant for Narromine Fire and Rescue, improving accessibility and safety for the fire crew. The team have commenced the replacement of the main in Temoin St between Cathundril St and Dappo Rd including Jerry Smith Place.

Roads

Council's roads team is in the final stages of completing flood funding works, with all projects set to be finished by the end of March to meet funding requirements. During the review period, Council has undertaken significant works on a number of roads across the Shire including:

- Buddah Lake Road (Trangie)
- Mungery Hall Road (Narromine)
- Sharkey's Lane (Narromine)
- Dulla Dulla (Narromine)
- Dilladerry Road (Narromine)
- Ceres Siding Road (Trangie)
- Belmont Road (Narromine)
- Narwonah Road (Narromine)



Figure 1: Recent grading and gravel resheet on Buddah Lake Road (left) and Ceres Siding Road (right)

Roads (Cont'd)

The drainage and road resheeting on Frecklington's Crossing are also complete, with the significant upgrade designed to ensure road trafficability even during heavy rain downpours.



Figure 2: Significant drainage upgrades on Frecklington's Crossing have been completed

Works are continuing on Lincoln's Lane where a new culvert is being installed. The large concrete structure will ensure adequate water flow during heavy rainfall events and will prevent the road from washing away. This improvement is funded under NSW Government "Betterment" funding. This key funding allows Council to upgrade and improve locations that were damaged multiple times during different flood events in previous years.



Figure 3: Drainage works are underway on Lincoln's Lane

Road Stakeholder Sessions

In February, Council's roads team held two stakeholder sessions for Belmont Road and Tantitha Road, inviting all residents to hear about planned works and provide feedback. Both sessions were well attended and offered invaluable input for Council's construction and design teams. While residents generally supported Council's proposed plans, several additional comments and suggestions were provided for consideration.

Works on Belmont Road are currently underway, including resheeting, drainage improvements, and minor resealing. Council continues to explore grant funding opportunities to help upgrade the road while working within tight budget constraints.

Planning for works on Tantitha Road is ongoing, with a road safety audit scheduled for April in collaboration with an external consultant. Construction on the "S Bends" section (roughly 10km south of the Mitchell highway intersection) is planned to commence later this year, with Council committed to enhancing road safety and accessibility for all users.

Parks and Gardens

Council engaged a specialist to remove a number of trees within town and along Tomingley Road. Further trees along Tullamore Road are also scheduled for maintenance.

The Parks and Gardens team has been actively maintaining public spaces across the Shire, with a strong focus on storm recovery efforts following the severe weather event in early February. A significant amount of cleanup was required in Trangie, where fallen branches and debris were cleared from parks, streets, and public areas to ensure safety and accessibility.

Mowing continues across the Shire, with particular attention given to high-traffic areas. Maintenance of shrubs along the Main Street has also been undertaken to enhance the overall appearance of key public spaces.

Hydro-mulching of the wetlands, Burraway Street entrance and Dappo Road is scheduled in March to improve ground cover and erosion control, supporting ongoing beautification and land management efforts. The team remains committed to maintaining and improving public spaces for the community's enjoyment.

Council Chamber Roof Replacement – Project Update

The Council roof replacement works have started with the external asbestos removed in late January. The roof replacement is scheduled to start in early March with staff moving between offices and working from home for the duration of the project which is expected to take six weeks. Temporary fencing has been erected around the Chambers and access points will alternate between the main doors and the side door depending on the works program. It is not anticipated that Council meetings will be impacted.

Library Works

Construction has started at the Narromine Library to improve the toilets and emergency exit. The works are progressing well with framing nearly completed. The works are scheduled to be completed by the end of May. The works are being funded through Local Roads Community Infrastructure Funding (Round 4).

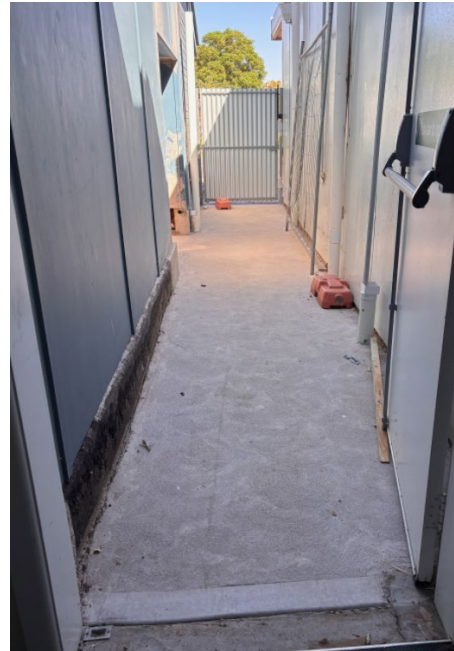


Figure 4: Construction works at the Narromine Library are underway. Framing for the new lunchroom (left) and new emergency exit (right).

Rotary Park Stormwater Outlet

Council has recently completed remediation of the existing stormwater outlet at the bottom of Rotary Park. Prior to these works, the riverbank had suffered significant scouring, posing both an erosion issue and a safety risk to park users. The remediation project involved the installation of a concrete drain and large rip-rap rock protection to stabilize the area and reduce erosion, even during periods of high flow.

The new design is expected to provide long-term stability to the riverbank, ensuring the safety of the public while also improving the resilience of the stormwater system. These works are part of Council's ongoing commitment to upgrading and improving Council's stormwater infrastructure.

Rotary Park Stormwater Outlet (Cont'd)



Figure 5: Remediated Stormwater Outlet at Rotary Park

Line Marking

Line marking on Tomingley Road was successfully completed in February. Currently, give-way line marking is underway across Narromine, with plans to finish the rest of Narromine and Trangie within the following month. Additionally, the line marking of car parking spaces in the central business districts of Trangie and Narromine is scheduled to occur in early April.



Figure 6: Line marking around Narromine is underway

Northern Drainage Pipework Installation

Works are well underway for the northern drainage pipework installation along Meryula Street in Narromine. The contractor has made significant progress, with pipe installation extending from the outlet in Rotary Park, past the school, and towards Payten Oval. Careful planning and coordination with the school have helped minimize disruption to students and traffic in the area. Council would like to thank the school community and the public for their patience and understanding throughout the construction period.

As part of the next stage of works, the underbore beneath both Culling Street and Burraway Street is expected to take place in early April. Once completed, this major drainage upgrade will improve stormwater management and reduce future flooding risks in the area. The project remains on track, with full completion now scheduled for June.



Figure 7: Installation of stormwater pipe along Meryula Street