

Media Release

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Public amenities to be upgraded

Public toilets in at least 16 locations across the Region will undergo much-needed improvements by Tamworth Regional Council including Barraba Lions Park and Barraba Rotary Park.

Tamworth Region Mayor Col Murray said this is a great outcome for residents and also visitors.

“Our residents as well as visitors will appreciate this outcome,” he said. “A lack of well maintained public amenities buildings or the provision of poor quality facilities has the potential to generate adverse public opinion, particularly from visitors to the Region.”

At last week’s Council Meeting, Councillors voted in support of the recommendation to take out a \$1.5 million external loan to fund the works and repay the debt over 15 years using \$50,000 from the Special Rate Variation Reserve for Buildings and the Asset Renewal Reserve for Public Amenities.

The 16 public amenities proposed to be replaced as a priority are (in alphabetical order): Attunga Rest Area, Barraba Lions Park, Barraba Rotary Park, Hyman Road Safety Park at South Tamworth, Manilla Rotary Park, Tamworth Marsupial Park, Moonbi Chook Park, Moonbi Lookout, Jenkins Street in Nundle, Sheba Dam at Hanging Rock, Tamworth ANZAC Park, Tamworth Bicentennial Park, Tamworth Cemetery, Tamworth Oxley Lookout and Tamworth Viaduct Park.

It is expected Council will call for tenders to supply and construct the 16 new public amenities buildings early in the new financial year. Construction of the new amenities will be scheduled to be completed by the end of the 2017/18 financial year.

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