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Yerrinbool Public Toilet Factsheet



Why does Council provide public toilets?

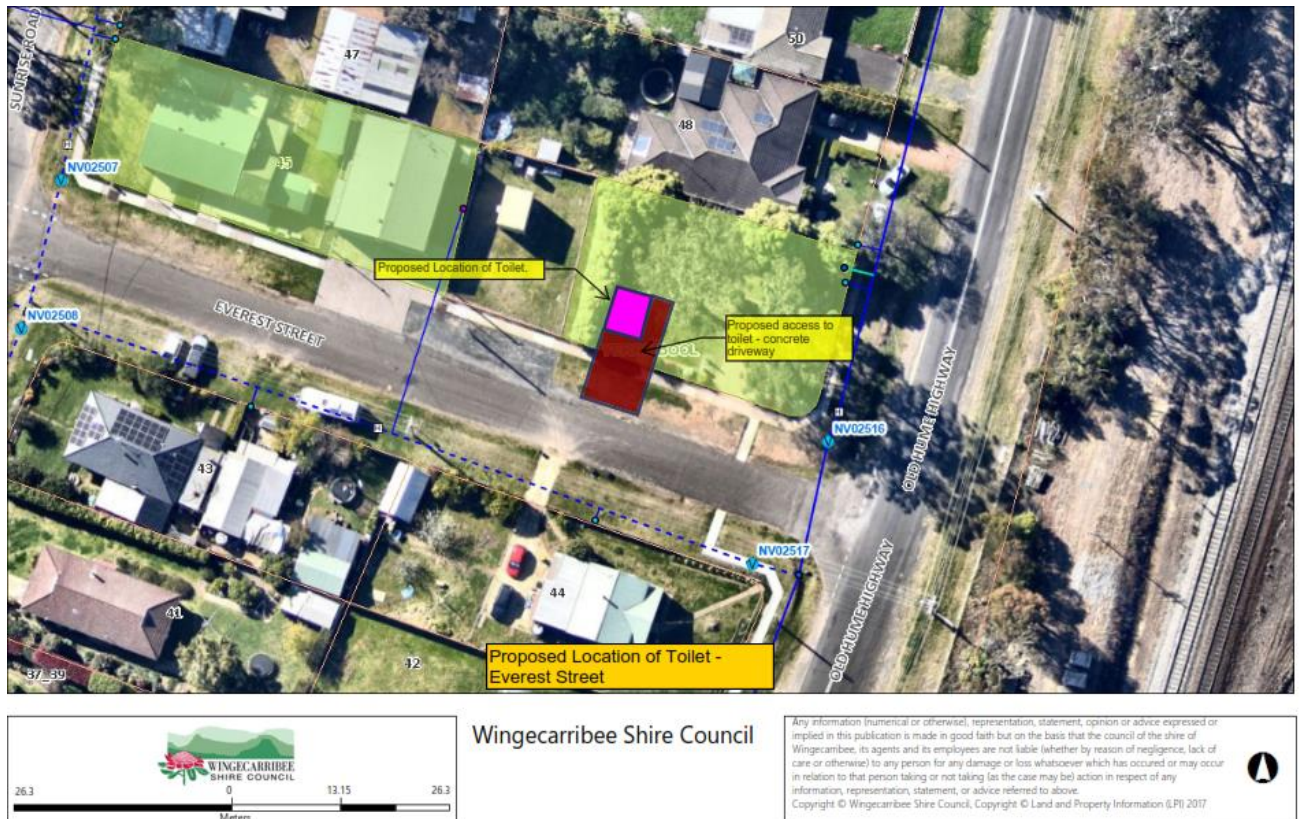
Public toilets make a practical difference to people actively enjoying our community spaces such as playgrounds. While the Council has no statutory requirement to provide public toilets, public toilet provision supports an active and healthy community as identified in Council's Community Strategic Plan.

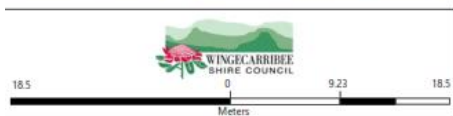
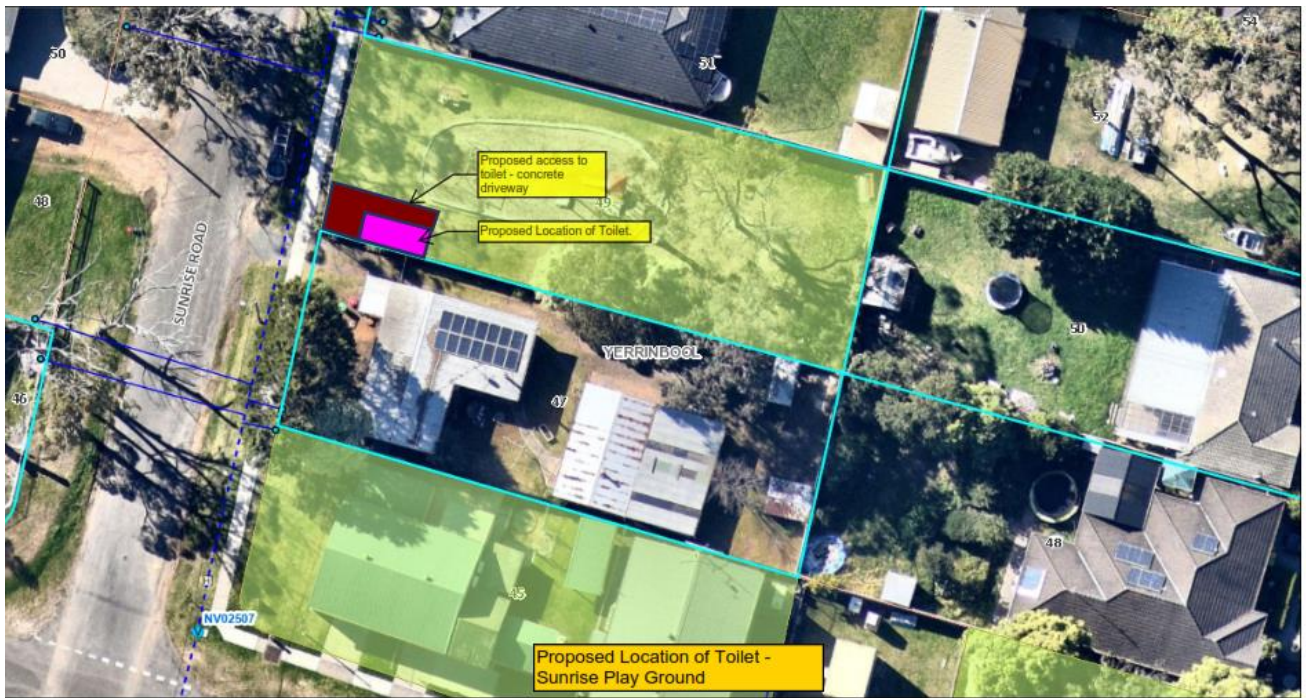
What are the three proposed locations being considered for new toilets in Yerrinbool?

The three sites have been identified for consideration and Council is seeking feedback from the community on the preferred option, are:

1. Cnr of Old Hume Hwy and Everest Street - M.F. Vickers Park (Everest St)
2. 49 Sunrise Road - Playground
3. Yerrinbool Train Station

The locations within Everest Street and Sunrise Playground are indicated on the following image. Please note that the exact location of the amenities building is subject to minor changes on-site pending service locations.





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Does Council have a preferred site for the proposed new toilet?

Currently there is no public toilet located in Yerrinbool. Everest Street, Yerrinbool is the preferred site because of its proximity to the Yerrinbool Railway Station (185m) for railway commuters, and Sunrise Playground (105m) for users of the playground.

The final location however has not been finalised and Council is open to community feedback on the preferred location.

How were these locations selected as preferred options for the new Yerrinbool Public Toilet?

Council uses the following principles when considering new or upgraded public toilet facilities:

Safety – Safety is considered in terms of its physical location, lighting, opportunities for concealment, and opportunities for casual surveillance. These are commonly referred to as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.

Performance – Considerations of the comfort, physical condition, service provisions (e.g., sewer connection, water connection etc.), and the quality of the facility and its internal fittings.

Accessibility – A measure of how accessible the facility is for people with disabilities, and the compliance of the facility with modern standards.

Demand – Considerations of the user-driven demand of the facility and co-location, including sensitivity of the location.

Were other locations considered in Yerrinbool?

Yes. Another consideration was Lot 45 Sunrise Road - Community Hall and RFS. However this site was not deemed suitable as the toilet would be situated behind the hall and have no passive surveillance. The Hall also has an existing toilet inside that can be utilised by people attending functions at the hall.

Can a public toilet be constructed adjacent Yerrinbool Train Station?

Yerrinbool Train Station is located within the railway corridor, which is owned by Transport Asset Holding Entity (TAHE). For Council to construct any facilities within this area requires the approval of TAHE and the creation of a licence over the footprint of the facility. This is a lengthy process that can take up to 12 months and approval is not a guaranteed outcome.

Another benefit of the currently preferred location of M.F. Vickers Park on Everest Street is that, as it is Council owned land, it does not have this constraint and so is a much more streamlined approval process.

When are the toilets proposed to be built?

The new public toilet is budgeted for design and construction in 2024. The first stage includes surveying, investigation, and design works. The second stage will be the construction. The estimated completion for design and construction works will be June 2024 for the design and October 2024 for the construction, however if the Train Station location is pursued this may delay commencement of construction.

What happens next?

Before, Council engages a contractor, we want to hear from the community on the preferred location of the new public toilet. Council will be conducting a short survey with Yerrinbool residents in early January and holding a face-to-face consultation with the community on Thursday 18 January 2024 at 10am-11am and 5.00PM–6.00pm at M.F. Vickers Park, Yerrinbool.

