

Upcoming engagement opportunities

The ACT Government is investing in infrastructure to benefit the lives of all Canberrans. Across the Territory we are improving capacity in the stormwater network to make it safer for Canberrans and more friendly for the environment.

Narrabundah was established in the 1950s however development continues to the present day. At the time of establishment stormwater infrastructure was built to the standards of the time. However not only is the infrastructure not meeting today's standards, but it is also incapable of providing flood protection to some residential properties during extreme storm events.

Following flood modelling undertaken for the whole of Narrabundah in 2019, a number of priority upgrades were identified. We have previously engaged with the community about two of these. They are:

- the retarding basin within the urban open space at Sprent Park which is currently in the final stages of design ahead of construction procurement and
- upgrades to the stormwater infrastructure running along sections of McKinlay Street and McMillan Crescent and across Sturt Avenue to the open space adjacent to Kootara Crescent.

We are now progressing design work for two further retarding basins. The first is planned at the Narrabundah Playing Fields along Captain Cook Crescent and the second is within the urban open space in Throsby Park behind the Griffith shops and bordered by Throsby Lane and Throsby Crescent.

What is a retarding basin?

A retarding basin acts like a dam, holding back significant water during extreme storm events, preventing the water from flooding properties. However, unlike a dam a retarding basin would only have water within the basin when intense or continuous rain requires a significant volume of water to be held back so it can drain into pipes in the ground at a slower rate without flooding properties. Outside of situations where a retarding basin works to detain water, the structure would just look like a depression in the ground with sloping walls.

What is proposed at the two locations?

More information on the projects at both locations has been uploaded to the City Services website which you can access by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this letter or visiting www.cityservices.act.gov.au.

As well as indicative design drawings, we have provided a range of *frequently asked questions* to help the community understand what is being proposed and why.

Narrabundah Playing Fields

Many sportsgrounds across Canberra act as retarding basins. This includes Southwell Oval in Lyneham and Duffy Oval. Construction of a retarding basin at the Narrabundah Playing Fields would include adjustments to the perimeter of the playing fields so as to increase water storage capacity. Various other ancillary works would also be undertaken inclusive of new pipes, stormwater pits and various kerb, footpath and verge works, as required.

Throsby Park

Stormwater upgrade work at Throsby Park (bordered by Throsby Lane and Throsby Crescent) will deliver a retarding basin within the urban open space inclusive of a new playground and landscaping features. Construction of a retarding basin at Throsby Park would include adjustments to the perimeter of the park so as to increase water storage capacity. Various other ancillary works would also be undertaken inclusive of new pipes, stormwater pits and various kerb, footpath and verge works, as required.

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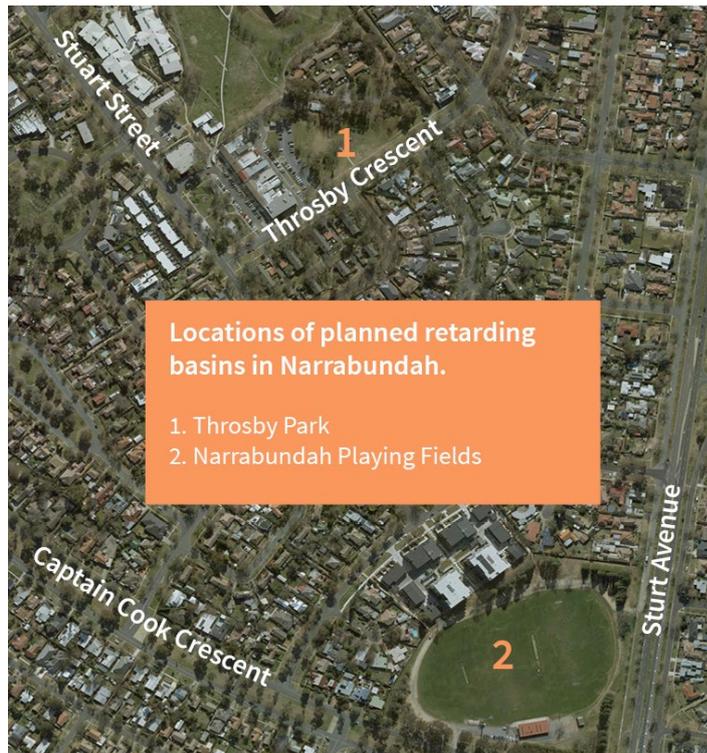


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The existing playground will need to be removed as it sits within the construction zone of the proposed earth embankment for the retarding basin.

To facilitate construction of the retarding basin, approximately 21 trees will be removed. These trees have been inspected and identified as being small and in poor condition, providing limited urban amenity. Replacement of these trees will occur at a minimum of 1:1, with an intention to plant more trees than what is removed where possible.

Project locations



Next steps

We will be holding a drop-in session for the community at Throsby Park on **Saturday 26 November 2022 from 9.30 am to 12 pm** to provide information about the planned retarding basins and answer questions. You can also get in touch with the project team via email at communityengagement@act.gov.au.

It is intended to submit a development application for both locations before the end of this year ahead of finalising the designs and undertaking construction procurement in 2023.

More information

If you would like more information on the project, you can scan the QR code, visit www.cityservices.act.gov.au or contact the project team via the below details.

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