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## NEW YOUTH SPACE FOR NARRANDERA SHIRE LIBRARY

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Narrandera Shire Council is delighted to be a recipient of the Public Library Infrastructure Grant program. The project is focused on revitalising existing library facilities to enhance usability and expand upon its program delivery, targeting not only youth but all sectors of the community.

Council will receive \$200,000 to construct a multipurpose Youth Space with an attached courtyard at the Narrandera Shire Library, East Street Narrandera. The build will also include a covered secure parking space and storage for the Mobile Library which is currently parked off site and outdoors.

Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka said "This is an exciting announcement and the new space will be excellent for young people, creating their own haven for studying, while also having access to existing library facilities such as Wi-Fi, watching movies and connecting with others. The staff will also benefit greatly from this project with the incorporation of a new facility to store the mobile library."

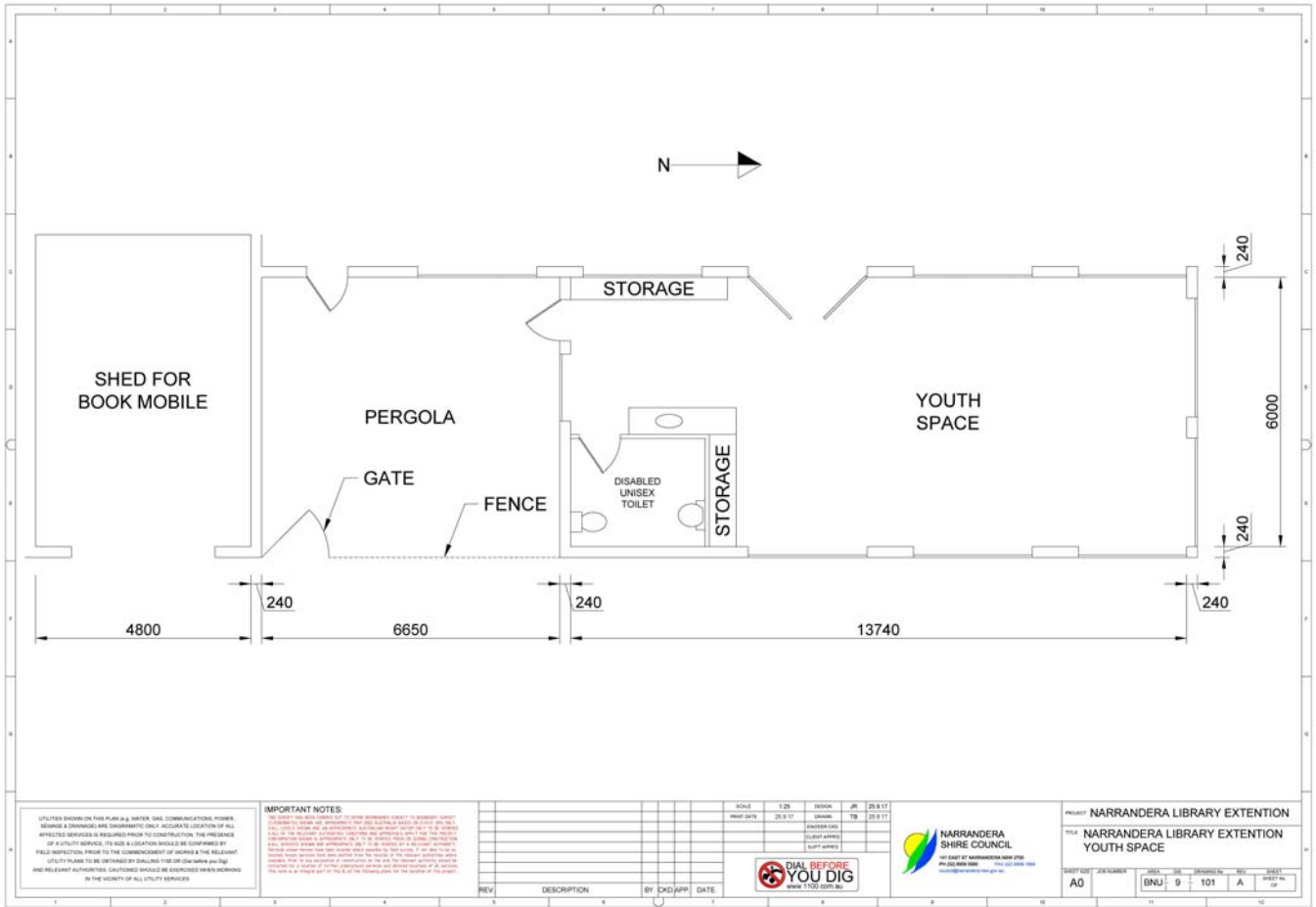
The Youth Space will incorporate areas for collaborative study, meeting and socialising, being connected and chilling out. It will primarily cater to students and young people by giving them a place of their own which has been lacking in the existing building.

The project aims to create a lounge space for Narrandera Shire's youth, as well as a space to host programs and workshops and a multifunctional area that can be utilised for class visits and group activities. The Youth Space will be away from high traffic areas and will provide greater flexibility to cater for large groups and diverse activities.

Mayor Kschenka continued "The role of libraries is ever changing and it is important that our library continues to develop its services. This money will allow us to achieve a goal that we have been aiming to complete for some time, by creating a space for youth separate from the rest of the current activities within the library."

Construction will take place along the rear of the existing library with a six metre long extension and is set to include double width entry doors and an Accessible Toilet to ensure that the space is also suitable for use by young people with special needs.

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Narrandera Shire Library Extension drawing Extension only.

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