



# Armidale Cadets Building reopens as 'Trackside'

June 2025



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

Refurbishment of the former Armidale Cadets Building is now complete, with the once-vacant building set to reopen as 'Trackside' – a community hub delivering much needed services to the region.

Transport for NSW (Transport), in collaboration with the Transport Asset Manager of NSW (TAM), are pleased to announce that the Armidale former Cadets Building on Brown Street has now been completely refurbished and transformed into a safe and vibrant hub for the local community.

Officially renamed, Trackside, the new facility will be managed by specialist homelessness service provider Women's Shelter Armidale (WSA) and provide short-term crisis accommodation and support for people in the region doing it tough to move toward stable, long-term housing.

It will also offer a range of vital support services, including training rooms, counselling spaces, chill-out zones, a commercial kitchen, and laundry facilities.

## What work took place?

The building contract was awarded to Bluewater Group, an Indigenous-owned and operated construction company. The project utilised a number of local sub-contractors, creating jobs and boosting the local economy.

Construction took place over 6 months from November 2024 to May 2025.

## Join us at the grand opening

To help celebrate the launch of Trackside, you are invited to join us for the grand opening where you will have the opportunity to tour the newly refurbished facility and take part in the official unveiling.

**Date:** Tuesday, 17 June 2025

**Time:** 10.15am – 12.00pm

**Location:** 230 Brown Street, Armidale

**Parking:** Street parking and parking at the railway station will be available for this event.

### Event Program Highlights

- Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
- Official unveiling and speeches
- Open house showcasing the refurbished building

We hope you can join us for this special occasion.

## Thank you

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire community for your incredible support throughout this project. Your patience and encouragement have played a key role in helping us deliver this important project – thank you.

## Renewal and Heritage Program

This project was delivered under the Transport for NSW Renewal and Heritage Program, a powerful initiative that breathes new life into disused public assets for community benefit.

## A sneak peak of 'Trackside'



Photos (left to right): Refurbished courtyard, entryway and laundry facilities.

## Contact us



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