

15 October 2021

Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the Community Connection Newsletter.

More than anything we are all hoping that the issue of COVID will soon be a distant memory. An aberration on an otherwise productive year. We have now opened up somewhat, and the restrictions being imposed on us will ease over the course of the next few months as we reach our vaccination targets. I would continue to urge those who are not vaccinated to please do so as the virus is deadly. It is indiscriminate and has affected young children all the way through to the very elderly. Far too many have perished due to COVID and in the main it is the unvaccinated or those not fully vaccinated. It is easy, safe and just makes good sense.

I can't thank enough the health staff in our Shire who have put themselves on the front line in the fight against COVID. It is an incredibly daunting situation for our nurses, pharmacists and volunteers to have provided the care that has kept so many of us safe at great risk to themselves. The entire community is very much in their debt and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Let's sincerely hope they too can soon enjoy the break they need to step back and smell the roses.

With the much welcomed opening up comes the opportunity for all the small businesses across the Shire who have taken so much of the brunt of COVID to hopefully shake free of these shackles and resume what have been very successful operations. All the retailers, the food and coffee outlets and even the schools will welcome the opportunity to resume from this untenable state and resume of level of normalcy. How good it will feel to get

back to providing the great service for which our businesses are known. Please make sure we provide them all with our custom to help them get back on their feet quickly.

Whilst we have been constrained in what we can do in terms of meeting personally and getting things happening across the Shire our Council staff have continued to get the job done. Our parks and ovals look pristine and the effort that goes into them is not lost on the bulk of our community. Council's essential staff have continued to service the community and I acknowledge their non-stop effort during lockdown, whilst other staff have endured dozens of Zoom or Teams meetings and whilst they get us together, it just does not have the same feel.

It will be a welcome relief when we can sit with colleagues and see the relief in their eyes that finally COVID-19 is starting to become a thing of the past or at least we have learnt to live with it.

So much has been put on hold and the opportunity to now get back into development mode, seeking investments through initiatives that have laid dormant for too many months. In doing so we generate jobs for our youth that allows them to stay in our communities with high tech and well paid jobs rather than leaving for the cities. There is much to catch up on and our focus will quickly move to the value adding opportunities available, to Inland Rail, the Aerodrome and aviation related industries and a host of other initiatives in the formative stages. We have much in front of us and whilst much of it has been driven internally

we are also now finding businesses coming to us. This is very heartening and acknowledgement of the great work being done to promote the Shire and highlight what a strategically located position we find ourselves in.

Access to major highways and eventually Inland Rail and the NSW country rail network gives us incredible advantages over other areas as well as the great natural attributes of the Narromine region. Taking advantage of all this interest is so very beneficial to our predicament and bodes well for the future of the Shire.



Skypark is again showing us what a popular spot it is in the mix of residential locations across the Shire and with the finalisation of 27 lots last Sept 2020 we now find only 12 left for sale. Amazing that 15 lots have sold in just twelve months and symptomatic of the demand for residential blocks in the Shire. Plans are to bring many more on stream for the hundreds of jobs being generated in the Shire.

The Dappo Road development is all but ready for a start and includes 15 large residential blocks being developed by Council along with the very exciting Timbrebongie House development with a mix of freehold blocks and aged residential facilities.

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Evidence of this work will become obvious over the next six months and many jobs will again be created in the building industry. We are in a very exciting growth stage that will continue for a number of years.

Trangie is certainly not forgotten in the events across the Shire and much interest is coming for blocks of land and residential opportunities. The growth within the Shire will have a very beneficial effect on Trangie and job opportunities will become a feature across the entire region. Tomingley Gold Operations continue to employ staff to take advantage of their new developments and the opportunity for work is hard to miss.

December 4th will finally bring local government elections across the State and the opportunity to either nominate or help a candidate to become a Councillor. It would be wonderful to see more nominations for Council to ensure we get the best possible representation from members of our community dedicated to better outcomes for the Shire.

There is an exciting time ahead with many opportunities and the potential for new Councillors to bring their own initiatives. I'm always happy to speak to aspiring Councillors and give them a better understanding of what is involved and how they can best help their community.

Finally, and with a great deal of pleasure, I wish to acknowledge some outstanding contributions being made in our Shire by local residents. The Narromine Rotary Club in the NSW Volunteers Association awards, has been awarded the Orana Region Team Of The Year Award and become eligible for the NSW Titles. Their inspiring work continues to bring benefits to charities across the Shire with approx \$19,500 being given to local charities each year. The Rotary catering van is always prominent at

community events held in the Shire and it is through these efforts that the amazing sums are raised. They are truly an inspiration for us all and our very best wishes go with them to the NSW titles.

In Trangie, Terrie Milgate is nothing short of phenomenal in her ability to attract funds for her work in not only the Indigenous space in which she operates but across many areas of the community.

She is responsible for the successful funding of Indigenous Housing for the Aged that resulted in almost \$2.5 million being granted to the project which will provide housing for six couples or individuals at a site near the MPHS.

Terrie's tireless work has also resulted in hundreds of thousands being granted for the Wungunja Cultural centre which is an iconic site full of some of the best examples of Indigenous artefacts found anywhere in Western NSW. Her contribution has resulted in many exciting projects being undertaken and Trangie is so much the better for her efforts.

We live in a wonderful Shire with an exciting future and I hope all our citizens can benefit by being part of a very positive and proactive community.

Cr Craig Davies,
Mayor Narromine Shire Council



Local Government Elections

Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday 4 December 2021.

For more information about registration, nomination, election campaign finances, voting and other election processes, as well as important dates and deadlines, go to the NSW Electoral Commission website at:

www.elections.nsw.gov.au



Save the date
2021 NSW Local Government elections
SATURDAY
4 DECEMBER 2021

Voting is compulsory

elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21
1300 135 736

REMEMBER - VOTING IS COMPULSORY



Council has adopted the Narromine Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan and now progresses to the next stage of preparation of detailed design (dependent on funding).

For further information visit:
<https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/review-NFRMSP>

Narromine and Trangie Aquatic Centres

2021 Swimming season to get underway

The Trangie Aquatic Centre opens from 10.00 am Saturday 16 October 2021.

The Narromine Aquatic Centre will open from 10.00 am Saturday 23 October 2021, as a result of winter refurbishment of the 50 metre swimming pool.

Conditions of entry

In order to ensure all Aquatic Centre staff and visitors are kept safe and to adhere to the NSW Public Health Orders, from 16 October 2021 the Narromine and Trangie Aquatic Centres will require all visitors aged 12 and over to have proof of double vaccination, while all minors (under the age of 12 years) must be accompanied by a vaccinated adult.

There may be medical exemptions to this, which will also require evidence.

REMEMBER - Hand sanitising, social distancing and check in codes must be adhered to and if you are unwell stay at home and get tested immediately.

Evidence you can use

Your COVID-19 digital certificate which shows proof of only your COVID-19 vaccinations that you can add to a digital wallet.

Your immunisation history statement which lists your COVID-19 vaccinations and all other vaccinations.

Season tickets

Joint pool season tickets (for use at both Narromine and Trangie) are available for purchase at the aquatic centre venues only. A full season entry ticket will cost a family of four \$215 per season and a single full season ticket will cost \$110 per person, half season and 10 visit passes are also available.

More information about season tickets can be found on Council's website at:

www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/public-pools

Single person entry is \$4.00

10 visit pass is \$40.00

POOL OPENING HOURS (hours of operation may vary and can be subject to change)

Narromine Aquatic Centre

Monday – Friday: 6am - 8am
(season ticket holders only)

Monday – Friday: 1pm - 6pm

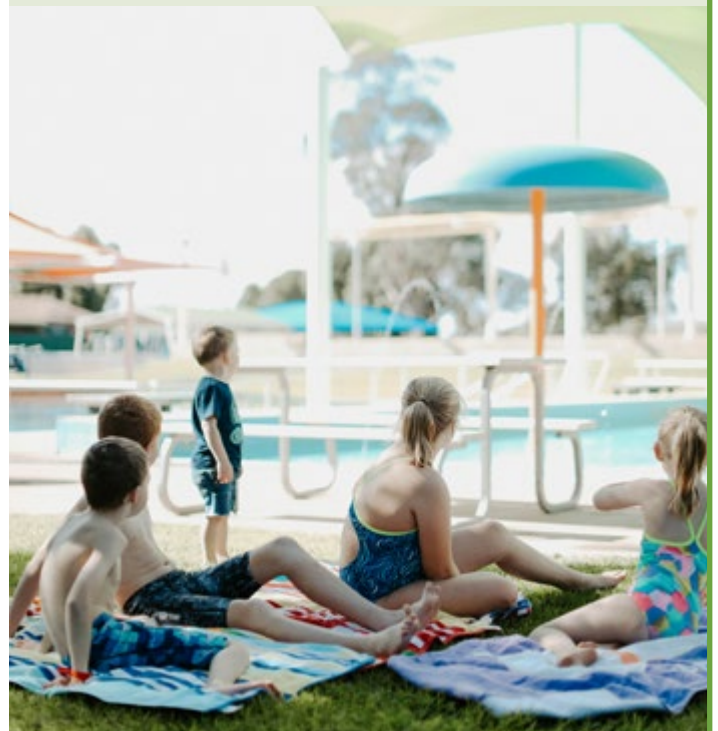
Weekends: 10am - 6pm

Trangie Aquatic Centre

Monday – Friday: 6am - 8am
(from December 2021 onwards)

Monday – Friday: 3pm - 6pm

Weekends: 10am - 5pm



Road Safety Reminder

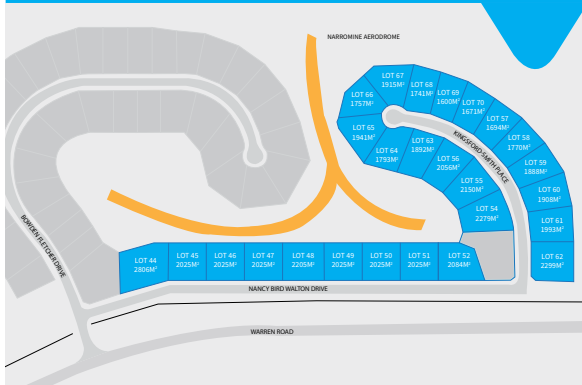
All motorists are reminded drive to the road conditions on all roads.

Council reminds all motorists to be alert on roads and at rail level crossings as grain locomotives continue to use rail lines. Motorists are reminded to plan ahead, slow down and allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely.

Please note, major roads come under the jurisdiction of Roads and Maritime Services. Please visit www.livetraffic.com for live updates, traveller information and personalised alerts for NSW roads.



Skypark Residential Estate – For Sale



SkyPark Residential Estate – Lifestyle and Location

Where you're not just buying a lot... you're buying a lifestyle!

Build your house and hangar on your own block of land at Narromine Aerodrome with taxiway access from your backyard. Whether you are upgrading or downsizing, Skypark in Narromine gives you space to live and breathe.

The Estate is located adjacent to Narromine's Aerodrome, next door to Narromine's 18-hole sand-green Golf Course, across the road from the Macquarie River and a short stroll to Narromine's CBD. The impressive land release offers sites that are fully serviced with power, NBN, kerb and guttering and sealed roads.

Skypark presents an opportunity to build your dream home at an affordable price. Perfect for bringing up your family, retiring in luxury, starting your independence or simply living a carefree lifestyle.

Pre-sale on residential lots are now available. For land availability, prices and more information. www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/business/skypark



Council Appealing to Residents During Wet Weather Events



Residents are reminded that following wet weather events some unsealed roads in the Shire could be closed to all traffic.

If Council is required to close roads due to wet weather, the roads WILL remain closed until further notice, usually until drier conditions prevail. School buses, emergency and Council maintenance vehicles are exempt while roads are formally closed.

Following the recent rainfall, a significant portion of the Shire's unsealed road network (772km) require maintenance. With more rain forecast over coming months, Council is appealing to drivers to assist, where possible, in preventing damage to unsealed roads by choosing alternative routes or waiting until drier conditions prevail. Where it is necessary that residents undertake essential travel on the closed roads, they are encouraged to drive to the conditions with many of the unsealed roads impassable or temporarily

closed when wet, as Council cannot accept responsibility for any damages that may arise during these periods.

Road condition reports are posted on Council's website (www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/road-conditions), social media – facebook, livetraffic and via radio broadcast. Please also visit www.livetraffic.com for live updates, traveller information and personalised alerts for NSW roads.

Council's Roads Maintenance Schedule identifies that road maintenance and repairs are primarily based on the primary use (i.e school bus route), the condition and the overall safety of the road, with roads carrying a higher volume of traffic being addressed first.

Residents are encouraged to report hazards to Council as safety remains a priority on local roads.

Feedback is welcome via Council's [website](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au) or by phoning 6889 9999 Monday – Friday 8.30 am – 5.00 pm.

Successful Grant Funding



<p>Fixing Local Roads Round 3</p>	<p>Narromine Shire Council has received \$915,000 to resheet 12.2 kilometres of gravel roads in the Narromine Shire from the current round of Fixing Local Roads Program. This funding program is aimed to provide well-maintained roads and supporting growth and development, as well as access to critical services such as hospitals and schools.</p>
<p>Cale Oval and Sporting Recreational Precinct</p>	<p>Construction has commenced at Cale Oval with the removal of the old buildings to make way for the construction of the new clubhouse and grandstand with seating for up to 200 people, state of the art changerooms, kitchen/canteen, bathrooms, storage facilities and a meeting space. Construction is planned to be completed and the new facility ready to use by early 2022.</p>
<p>Driver Reviver Safety Boost</p>	<p>Federal Member for Parkes Mr Mark Coulton MP recently announced \$130,014 for Trangie's Driver Reviver and \$48,185 for Narromine Saleyards Driver Reviver facilities.</p> <p>Upgrades to these facilities offers a place for safety and fatigue breaks for drivers and their passengers, ensuring drivers have a place to stop during a long trip.</p> <p>The funding also supports the hard-working local volunteers who put in their time and effort to man the Driver Reviver sites, offering motorists a cuppa, friendly conversations and a nice spot to take a break to manage fatigue and reduce the risk of crashes.</p> <p>Trangie's funding will go towards upgrading toilet facilities whilst the Narromine Saleyards Driver Reviver will offer improvements to shade, picnic tables, amenities, canteen and signage.</p>
<p>NSW Road classification review and transfer of regional roads</p>	<p>NSW Government recently announced that it had accepted the Independent Panel's Interim Report into road classification and the transfer of regional roads to state ownership, including recommendations for the Priority Round of transfers and reclassifications.</p> <p>This included the Panel's recommendation for the transfer of the road thoroughfare from Tomingley through to Eumungerie (via Narromine) including Manildra, Culling Streets and part of Warren Road.</p> <p>Transport for NSW will now commence engaging with councils to plan for the transfer of roads and identify those roads that require an immediate upgrade. NSW Government has allocated funding of \$250M in this year's budget towards upgrading transferred roads.</p>

Mitchell Highway upgrade between Dubbo and Narromine

The NSW Government is investing \$30 million in overtaking lanes and safety upgrades on the Mitchell

Highway between Dubbo and Narromine.

The project involves building three new overtaking lanes and safety improvement work including upgrading the road surface and

drainage, installing rumble strips and widening.

The detailed designs are almost complete with work expected to commence in early 2022.

Agsafe's ChemClear Program

Dispose of your unwanted agvet chemicals safely in upcoming ChemClear collection in NSW.

Agsafe's **ChemClear** program is holding a collection in New South Wales in March 2022. Agvet chemical users can now register their unwanted or obsolete agvet chemicals for collection by visiting the ChemClear website www.chemclear.org.au or by calling 1800 008 182.

Registrations close 28 January 2022.

All successful registrations are acknowledged by email or post. A reference number relating to each of your Group 1 and 2 chemical registrations will be provided. Once your chemicals are registered with ChemClear, continue to store the chemicals safely and securely.

An appropriate quantity of storage stickers will be sent out by post, one month after your registration with ChemClear. These stickers will display your registration reference number and are provided for placement on the containers you have registered for disposal. These stickers will aid safe storage and identify the chemicals to your employees, auditors and others as being registered for disposal.

ChemClear will contact you directly to advise the location and date of the collection point in your local government area. If you have registered any Group 2 classified chemicals you will be provided with a quotation on a per lt/kg basis for the collection and disposal of these products.

ChemClear will contact you and provide the following information:



Dispose of your unwanted or obsolete agvet chemicals in one easy collection.

Group 1 chemicals collected free of charge:

- eligible **drumMUSTER** products
- with readable labels
- still in original containers
- not mixed with other products
- within 2 years of expiry or deregistration

Group 2 chemicals are those that have expired and are not part of the **drumMUSTER** program. Group 2 chemicals may incur a fee for service.

** Limits apply to ag and vet chemical resellers.*

A NSW CHEM CLEAR COLLECTION IS COMING!

NSW Collection March 2022



Registrations close 28 January 2022



For further information call ChemClear on 1800 008 182

Register your chemicals at ChemClear:

www.chemclear.org.au/register-your-chemical

1800 008 182



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- the address of the collection site
- a date for the collection
- an appointment time to deliver the chemicals to the collection team

To register your chemicals, please visit:

www.chemclear.org.au/register-your-chemical

Narromine Shire Council Nature Strip and Tree Policy

Council recently adopted the Nature Strips and Tree Policy - Mowing, Planting, Landscaping, Maintenance and Removal after a period of public consultation.

This Policy sets out roles and responsibilities with regards to the maintenance of nature strips and includes such detail as:

- The property owner or resident of abutting properties are responsible for maintaining the visual amenity by maintaining the vegetation (excluding street trees) and landscape features on the nature strip including watering, weeding, mowing, removal of loose material that poses as a slip or trip hazard and edging turf. Council does

not carry out renovations or maintenance of nature strips.

- All areas not maintained by Council are expected to be maintained by the owners and/or residents of the adjoining private property. Grassed nature strips are expected to be mowed regularly by residents or property owners and kept neat and tidy such that they provide a safe environment and contribute to the general appearance and aesthetics of the streetscape.
- It is recognised that some residents may appoint a contractor to undertake general yard or garden maintenance work for them. It is considered reasonable that the

nature strip mowing would be carried out in conjunction with the mowing of the private property. Nature strips will generally not be mowed by Council if other laws on the private property are being maintained by the resident or a contractor on behalf of the resident.

Council would like to extend its gratitude to all residents in their efforts in keeping their verges/nature strips clean and tidy.

Residents are advised that there are hardship provisions available for those who require assistance.

A copy can be obtained by downloading the Policy from: <https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/policies>

Shop Local is back in 2021



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Council and local retailers are collaborating to present the 2021 Shop Local Campaign to assist in promoting the Region for its fantastic shopping opportunities in the lead up to Christmas.

The 2021 Shop Local Campaign includes the opportunity to WIN \$1,000 if you shop locally in Narromine, Trangie or Tomingley.

To enter the competition, you must spend over \$20 in a participating business, complete the entry form and pop it in the entry box.

The competition runs from 3 November until 15 December 2021 with the winner will be drawn on Friday 17 December 2021.

[Click here for shop local:
www.narromineregion.com.au/
shopping](http://www.narromineregion.com.au/shopping)



HubnSpoke co-working space

Narromine's Hub N Spoke co-working space is opening soon.

The Hub will provide a shared space where start up, home based, microbusiness and creatives can work from in Narromine.

The building offers high speed internet in a shared environment, single offices will also be available with amenities. Narromine Shire Council's initiative is to create jobs, foster innovation and grow the Narromine region's economy.

Casual, part-time and full time subscriptions will be available.

Located at 37 Burraway Street, The Hub is accessible 9 am – 5 pm Monday to Friday.

Contact us to discuss your co-working options:

Email: thehub@narromine.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 6889 9999

hubnspoke

Promote Your Event

If you are holding an event in the Narromine Region, we want to know!

We can help promote your event through Council's website, social media and on the LED digital board in Dundas Park.

To list your event click here: <https://narromineregion.com.au/whats-on-in-narromine-region>



See what's happening in our region by visiting the Events Calendar



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