



## COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2021

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 October 2021**. Due to current **COVID-19 Public Health Orders** the meeting will be held via livestream commencing at 5.30 pm please visit [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jw\\_oLVqJe-I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jw_oLVqJe-I)

**Special application** will be required for any members of the public who wish to address Council in public forum commencing at 5.00 pm. Please complete the application form available on <https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/council-meetings> which **must be submitted to Council by 12 pm** on the day prior to the Council Meeting.

### COMMENCEMENT OF BUSHFIRE DANGER PERIOD - 1 OCTOBER 2021

The Bushfire Danger Period (BFDP) will commence for the Narromine Shire Council area on Friday 1st October, 2021. The commencement of the BFDP means that a permit must be obtained to light a fire. For further information about fire permits please visit <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP>

### RECOVERY RESOURCES COVID SAFE BUSINESS

The following information and support is available for individuals and workplaces becoming COVID Safe, please visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/business/covid-safe-business>

### NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL SERVICES - COVID SAFE

**Narromine Shire Council Customer Service and Payments Centre**, 118 Dandaloo Street, re-opened on Monday 11 October 2021. Due to current legislation only fully vaccinated people and/or those with medical exemptions are to be permitted entry. **Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre** re-opened on Monday **11 October 2021**. Due to current legislation only fully vaccinated people and those with medical exemptions will be permitted entry. Persons aged under 16 years of age who are unvaccinated may enter but must be in presence of a vaccinated member of the same household.

All **active** memberships at the **Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre** will be placed on hold until such time members provide Council with a copy of vaccination certificate or medical exemption. Please forward proof of vaccination or medical exemption to [mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au) or drop certificates into Narromine Shire Council Customer Services and Payments Centre, 118 Dandaloo Street, during business hours 8.30 am - 5.00 pm weekdays. Please note membership activation can only take place during Council's business hours of 8.30 am – 5.00 pm Monday – Friday.

Narromine and Trangie Library branches will **not** be reopening on 5 and 6 October as previously advertised. Please follow Macquarie Regional Library website and Facebook pages for updates.

## SWIMMING SEASON TO COMMENCE

Trangie's Aquatic Centre will open this **Saturday 16 October 2021** at 10.00 am and the Narromine Aquatic Centre will open a week later, Saturday 23 October 2021 at 10.00am.

Joint pool season tickets (for use at both Narromine and Trangie) are available for purchase at the aquatic centre venues only. More information about pool season tickets and opening times can be found on Council's website at <https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/public-pools> Due to public health orders, all Aquatic Centre staff and visitors will have to adhere to the COVID – 19 safety protocols put in place by Lifeguarding Services Australia (LSA). This includes entry using QR codes and evidence of COVID – 19 vaccinations, whilst anyone with a medication exemption must also provide evidence, all children under the age of 12 years of age must be accompanied by a vaccinated adult.

## COVID -19 TESTING CLINICS IN NARROMINE AND TRANGIE

Council advises residents that **NSW Health** is conducting a drive-through COVID-19 testing clinic at Narromine Showground from 9.30 am through to 2.30 pm each day. NSW Health runs a testing clinic at Trangie's MPS call 5881 9200 to secure an appointment. Surveillance testing is now activated across the Western NSW Local Health District and this allows residents to be tested and not have to self-isolate after the test is conducted - unless you have symptoms; you have been directed to isolate by NSW Health or have been at a venue of concern or someone in your household is a close contact of a confirmed COVID – 19 case.

## CLOSED ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

The following roads will remain **CLOSED to ALL VEHICLES** - Gainsborough Road (between Tomingley Road and McGrane Way) and Pinedene Road remain closed.

All motorists are reminded not to drive through floodwaters and proceed with caution on all other roads. Council reminds all motorists to check Council's website, social media and LiveTraffic app or call 132 701 for information on local roads and traffic. If your life is at risk, call Triple Zero (000) immediately. For SES assistance phone 132 500.

Please note, major roads come under the jurisdiction of Roads and Maritime Services. Please visit [www.livetraffic.com](http://www.livetraffic.com) for live updates, traveller information and personalised alerts for NSW roads. Council reminds all motorists to **be alert on roads and at rail level crossings** as grainlocomotives continue to use rail lines. Remember to plan ahead, slow down and allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS - SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 2021

Council advises that the NSW Local Government Elections will be held on **Saturday, 4 December 2021**. Electoral rolls will close on **25 October, 2021** with candidate nominations closing on **3 November, 2021**. For more information visit [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au)

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