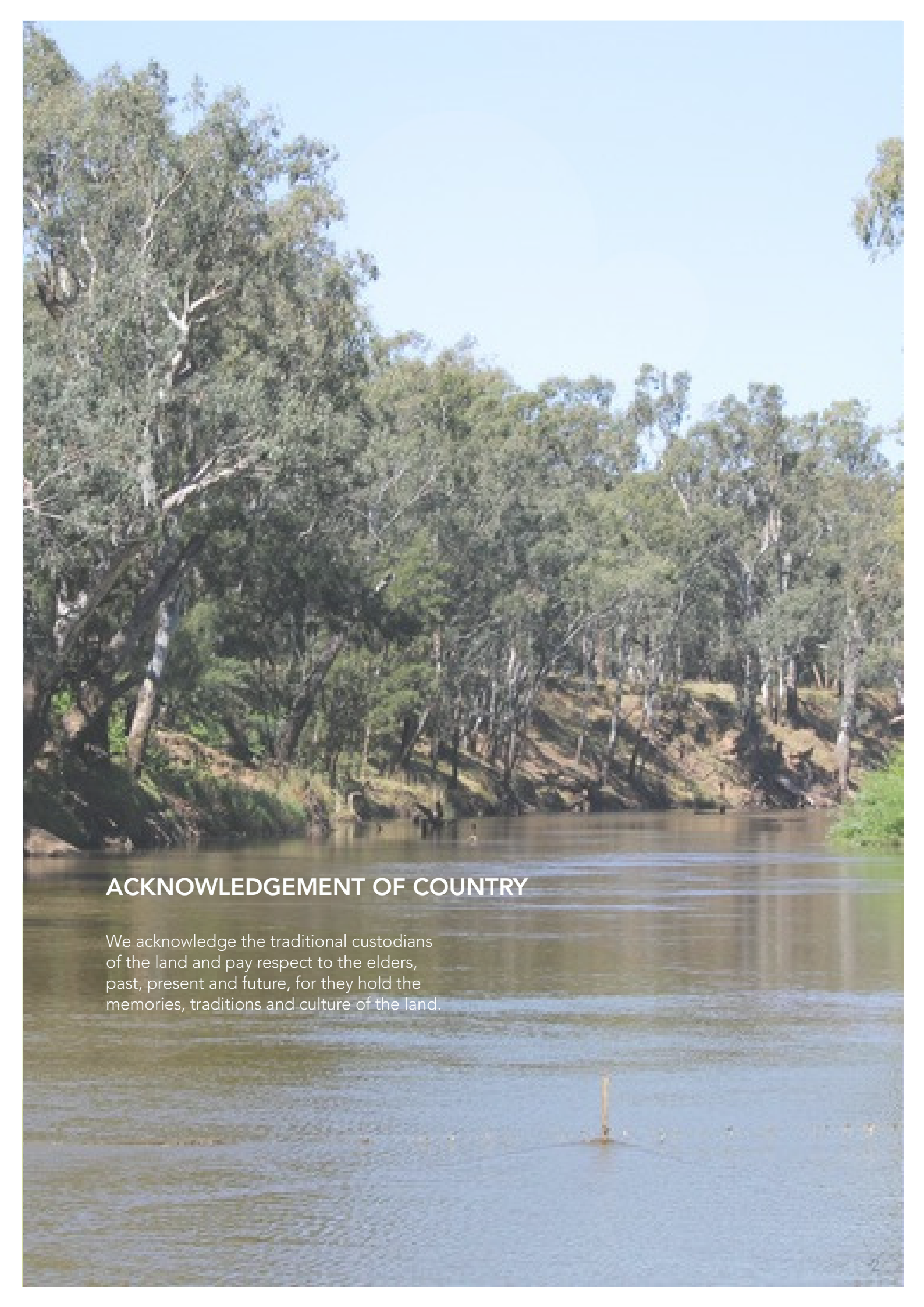


2026-2030 SOCIAL PLAN


Narromine
SHIRE COUNCIL





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay respect to the elders, past, present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions and culture of the land.

INTRODUCTION

Narromine Shire Council's Social Plan identifies the aspirations, hopes and gaps within the Narromine Shire Council area that influence people's quality of life. The preparation of the Social Plan 2026-2030 has included a number of phases:



Phase 1: Developing the Community Strategic Plan

In 2025 Narromine Shire Council undertook the development of the Community Strategic Plan as part of its Integrated Planning and Reporting strategy.

This plan highlighted the local community's aspirations across a number of broad themes including vibrant communities, growing our economy, protecting and enhancing our environment and proactive leadership.

During the development of this plan a detailed demographic analysis was undertaken, detailed legislative and policy analysis along with consultation with local people and community groups.

Phase 2: Social Plan 2026-2030

From the broad themes provided in the Community Strategic Plan a number of social themes have been developed that capture those wants and needs specific to the Social Plan.

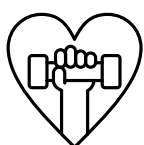
This Social Plan now sets out the strategic direction of Narromine Shire Council in regard to the social needs of our communities and highlights potential gaps in the delivery of services requested by the community.

The social plan provides the strategic direction for the life of Narromine Shire Council's current Delivery Plan through to mid-2029.

The themes contained within Narromine Shire Council's Social Plan are:



An informed
and supported
community



A healthy
community



A connected
community



A vibrant
community



A liveable
community

OUR COMMUNITIES

The Narromine Shire is located 40 kilometres west of Dubbo in the Orana Region of NSW, Australia

“
Great place to live.
Need to balance growth with
those community focussed values.
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Covering 5224 square kilometres, our vast Shire includes the major rural centre of Narromine, as well as Trangie and Tomingley.

We are a community of nearly 6,500 residents and are proud of our heritage, history and towns that we share with our residents, businesses and visitors. We choose to live in our Shire because of its location with access to a regional centre, its picturesque setting and our close community connections.

The Wiradjuri people were the original inhabitants of this area and the traditional owners of this land. Today our Shire has an indigenous population of just under 1000 residents (21%).

Our agriculture sector has long been the mainstay and we are well known for our sheep, cattle and wool, cotton production as well as broadacre cereal crops. Alkane Resources Limited provide significant employment opportunities.



OUR VISION



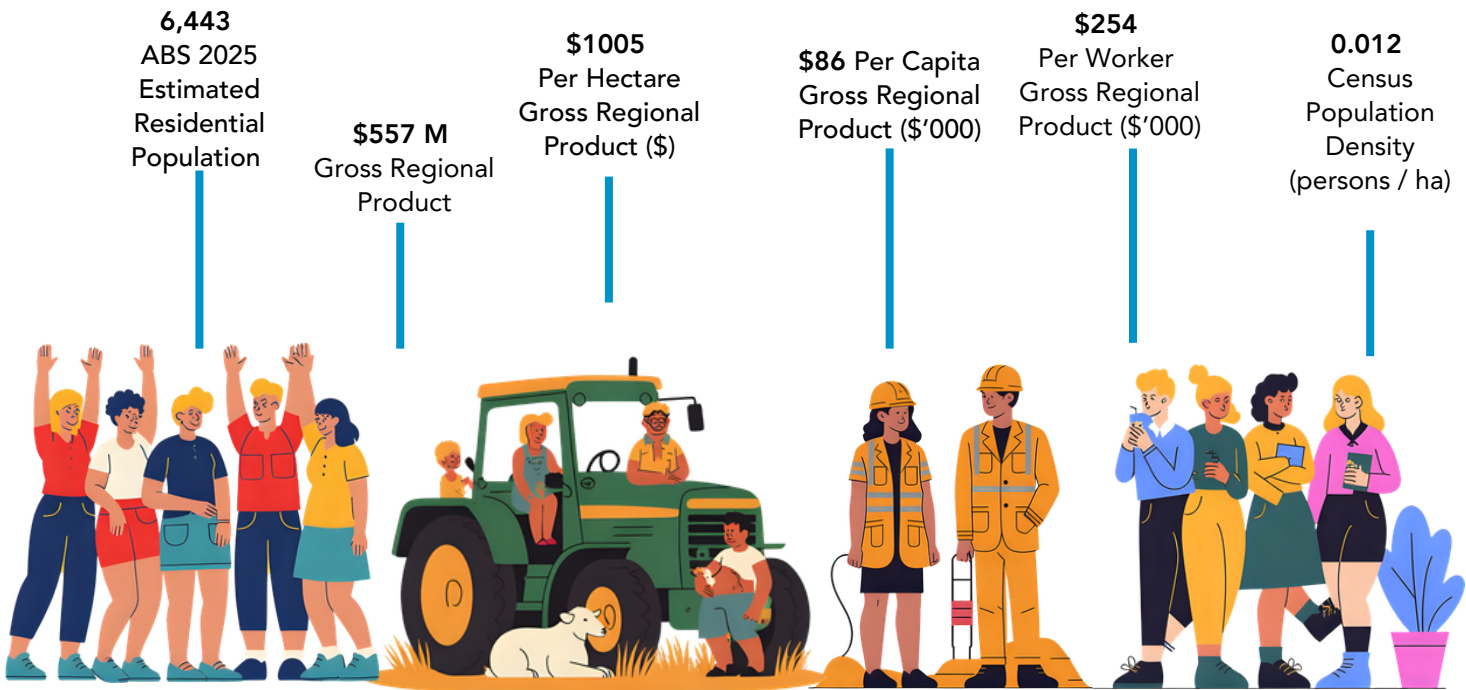
The Narromine Shire is friendly place to live with a strong sense of community that values our services, facilities and our natural environment.

We are a community that values the diversity of people, perspectives and experiences. We work together to strive towards a vibrant, safe and engaged community that provides opportunities for all its members.

Our council is a leader for our community sharing the responsibility for growth, development and provision of services.



DATA SNAPSHOT



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Alkane Resources Limited based at Tomingley Gold Operations provide significant employment opportunities.

The Narromine Shire Council Local Government Area covers 526,151,650 hectares.

DATA SNAPSHOT CONT'D



\$1.15B Estimated Total Output



2188 Estimated Total Employment



\$323M Mining Industry as a major contributor

Output

Total Output in the area is estimated at \$1.15 Billion. The major contributors to output are:

INDUSTRY SECTOR	\$M	%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	\$326	28%
Mining	\$323	28%
Rental, Hiring, Real Estate Services	\$76	6.60%
Other	\$431	37%

Employment

Total Employment in the area is estimated at 2,188 jobs. The major contributors to employment are:

INDUSTRY SECTOR	Jobs	%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	671	30.70%
Education Training	239	10.90%
Health Care, Social Assistance	212	9.70%
Other	1,066	48.70%



DATA SNAPSHOT CONT'D

KEY HEALTH STATISTICS

Population Health data

Alcohol and other drug related hospitalisations 2022

Narromine LGA	New South Wales
1095 per 100,000 head of population	1193 per 100,000 head of population

Alcohol and other drug related deaths 2022

Narromine LGA	New South Wales
22.4 per 100,000 head of population	19 per 100,000 head of population

Overweight an obesity attributable deaths 2020

Narromine LGA	New South Wales
47.5 per 100,000 head of population	38.7 per 100,000 head of population

Death rates 2022

Narromine LGA	New South Wales
677.4 per 100,000 head of population	538 per 100,000 head of population



DATA SNAPSHOT CONT'D

KEY HEALTH STATISTICS

Multiple Conditions	Narromine NSW (2021) Responses	%
Arthritis	662	10.41%
Asthma	615	9.67%
Cancer including remission	209	3.29%
Dementia (including alzheimers)	26	0.41%
Diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes)	333	5.24%
Heart Diesase (including heart attack or angina)	321	5.05%
Kidney disease	58	0.91%
Lung condition (including COPD or emphysema)	172	2.70%
Mental Health condition (including depression or anxiety)	469	7.37%
Stroke	55	0.86%
Any other long term health condition(s)	365	5.74%
No condition/not stated	4302	67.64%



DATA SNAPSHOT CONT'D

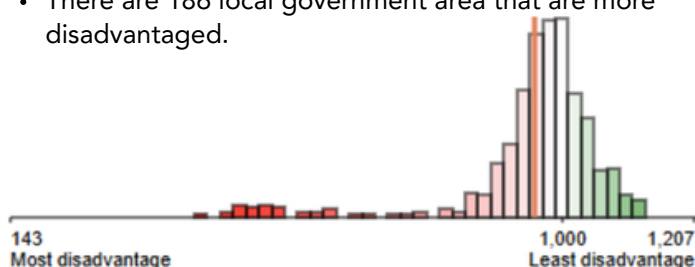
SEIFA Index of Disadvantage (2021)

The SEIFA index of disadvantage score for Narromine (A) is 958.

The SEIFA scores range from 143 (min) to 1,207 (max), with 143 having the highest level of disadvantage and 1,207 being least disadvantaged.

The local government area index of Narromine (A):
Ranks 187 out of 547 local government areas with SEIFA scores in Australia;

- There are 360 local government areas which are less disadvantaged;
- There are 186 local government area that are more disadvantaged.



Selected Geography

The SEIFA index of disadvantage scores (lower scores and ranks are more disadvantaged) for the 7 selected areas are:

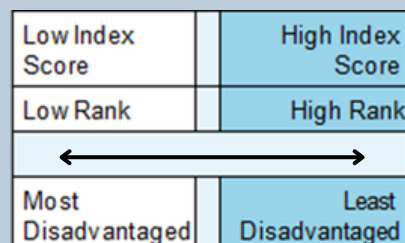
SEIFA DISADVANTAGE	
2021 Localities	Score
Dandaloo SAL 11198	1,047
Burroway SAL 10712	1,043
Gin Gin (NSW)	1,094
Tomingley SAL 13914	1010
Narromine (A)	958
Narromine SAL 12920	955
Trangie SAL 13950	925

Definition

Socio Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) is a suite of indexes that have been created by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) from social and economic Census information. Each index ranks geographic areas across Australia in terms of their relative socio-economic advantage and disadvantage.

This report presents information from the Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage (IRSD), a general socio-economic index that summarises a range of information about the economic and social conditions of people and households within an area.

This index includes only measures of relative disadvantage.



A low score indicates relatively greater disadvantage in general. For example, an area could have a low score if there are (among other things):

- many households with low income, many people with no qualifications, or many people in low skill occupations.

A high score indicates a relative lack of disadvantage in general. For example, an area may have a high score if there are (among other things):

- few households with low incomes, few people with no qualifications, and few people in low skilled occupations.

FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY

In 2025 a community survey was undertaken in order to gain insight into the issues facing community members.

A total of 41 residents responded to the survey.

Those that responded indicated that the attributes that they most enjoyed about living in the Narromine region was the sense of community, the open space, being close to Dubbo but in their own smaller community and being close to family.

Most respondents felt they had a good to excellent quality of life although 17% of respondents nominated a poor or fair quality of life.

Of community members that responded to the survey 68% indicated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the facilities in the community.

Several responses were received to the question:

“What actions or initiatives would help create a more connected and inclusive community in the Narromine region?” These included:

“
More open mindedness to change, more acceptance of those not born here
”

“
Continued community events
”

“
Activities for over 50's and empty nesters, sports events, fishing activities
”

Feedback received as a result of the community survey has been incorporated into the action list.



The biggest social challenges facing the Narromine region are:

1. Access to health services
2. Safety and crime prevention
3. Employment opportunities
4. Access to education/ training
5. Affordable housing
6. Youth engagement and activities
7. Support for seniors
8. Inclusion and accessibility



Which community services do you think need to most improvement or investment (top three):

1. Health and wellbeing services
2. Childcare and early learning
3. Youth services and programs

FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY

Interviews were also conducted with several key providers within the young educator and health sector.

The interviews were utilised in the development of the actions contained within the social plan.

A number of recurring issues were raised and are detailed below.

-Each of the services consulted were planning for future growth and already experiencing service pressures from the existing population. Several services have asked for Council's support and advocacy to assist.

-Each of the services nominated community transport/ local public transport as an issue for those accessing services.

-Services recognised that there were community members experiencing low socio-economic disadvantage, along with poor health and economic outcomes, who required a higher level of support.

-Greater access to allied health and other preventative health services would deliver significant benefits to the Narromine community.

The Peak Hill AMS who deliver Aboriginal Medical Services to the region outlined that they seek the establishment of a permanent building in Narromine to support its ongoing GP services which would in turn support other services such as Podiatry & Dietician/ Diabetic education.

Interviews have also recently been conducted with the Trangie and Narromine Local Aboriginal Lands Council's. Together with Narromine Shire Council a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed to ensure each organisation is working to achieve their common goals and enhance the working relationship. Areas of focus relating to the social plan include:

- The need to preserve Aboriginal culture and heritage.
- Implement and Aboriginal Employment Strategy for Narromine Shire Council.
- Provide Aboriginal art and culture in town streetscapes.

Ongoing employment opportunities and improved youth engagement in sport and education are considered vital for our community's future.



Thinking about the next 10 years, what would you most like to see in the Narromine region to make it a better place to live?

- More affordable housing
- Better roads in town
- Disabled access to all business
- More sport for adults and kids
- Retain small town feel
- Crime prevention
- Taxi Service
- Art and Culture
- Coffee after 3pm
- Less crime, more opportunity for business

Establishing a permanent location will not only ensure continuity of care but will also enhance the service's capacity, cultural appropriateness, and community impact.

Peak Hill AMS

A LIVEABLE COMMUNITY

Liveability continues to be one of the strongest themes within the Community Strategic Plan and Social Plan. From our open spaces to community facilities the community looks for modern and well maintained facilities.

Thank you for the improvements to the wetlands, parks and Cale Oval

More community events, more cultural events



Would like to see Narromine become an aged care hub, expand aged care facilities, with this more workers would be her to care for the elderly and the benefits would be seen Narromine wide.

A LIVEABLE COMMUNITY

PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	HOW IS NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL ASSISTING
Provide recreational activities and programs that are inclusive and meet the needs of the community.	• Improved outdoor fitness equipment in Narromine and Trangie. • Improved access to Gym facilities. • Provision of Sport and Recreation Officer to assist in coordination. • Cale Oval Masterplan - Narromine. • George Weldon Oval Masterplan- Trangie. • Maintain parks and gardens in Trangie and Narromine to a high standard. • Pool upgrades in Narromine and Trangie. • Improved shade and community areas at swimming pools. • Reduced entrance fees for those supervising at pools. Outdoor fitness. • Expansion of walking tracks, emphasis on improving footpaths. • Active Disability Inclusion Action Plan. • Extensive learn to swim offerings (private), swim club and school carnival days. • Free fun days offered with NSC support during Summer at the pool. • Inflatable play.
Provide active and passive recreation facilities for all.	• Extensive open spaces/ parklands. • Wetlands extension with additional walking tracks. • Gym facilities, fitness centre, football ovals, cricket ovals, etc supported in Narromine and Trangie. • Showgrounds supported in Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley. Active race clubs.

A LIVEABLE COMMUNITY CONT'D

PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	HOW IS NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL ASSISTING
Advocate for high quality aged care that enables older people to be integrated and active in the community.	• Work closely with Timbregongie House and Trangie Aged Care to ensure that Council can support their future plans. Advocate to Government on their behalf.
Advocate for and promote programs that will minimise crime and assist in crime protection including our young and most vulnerable.	• Ensure that safer by design considerations are made to future main street development. • Maintain CCTV network.
Provide advocacy and support on transport issues that best meet the needs of our residents.	• Continue to support State Government assisted bus links between Dubbo and Narromine. Advocate for those undertaking community transport for the Narromine and Trangie communities.

AN INFORMED AND SUPPORTED COMMUNITY

Our community want access to information that is relevant to them and is delivered in a timely way. Local residents also want access to support services locally, a community that is inclusive and one that offers a range of housing.

More school - based traineeships / apprenticeships opportunities to keep the kids engaged longer at school.

PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	HOW IS NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL ASSISTING
Enhance open and interactive communication between Council and the community guided by the Community Engagement Strategy.	• Increase the amount of communication in regards to Council activities and the Community. Increased web presence. Increased social media. Tourism web channel. • Ensure up to date communication and marketing strategies. • Increase use of media releases.
Develop and build partnerships with State and Federal governments, industry and community organisations to foster development and delivery of community services and emerging business sectors.	• Regular meetings with State and Local political members. • Work with community groups to deliver items in the Social plan. • Interagency/ working with services to provide events/ services to the community.
Assist in facilitating partnerships and collaboration at a local level between communities, groups, business and community organisations.	• Participate in Inter-agency meetings. • Monthly in Narromine. • Bi monthly in Trangie
Advocate for and promote programs that will minimise crime and assist in crime protection including our young and most vulnerable.	• Encourage greater participation amongst Non Government Organisations and the local community. • Encourage support for school holiday and after school programs.

Vibrant town that retains strong sense of self (not suburb of Dubbo) and country living but has opportunities for families, youth to live their best lives. Flourishing businesses. More connection between Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley



A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

The Narromine Shire townships continues to enjoy relatively good access to health services due largely to our proximity to Dubbo and the positive input from many community groups. We continue to seek improved access to allied health & retain excellent GP and pharmacy services.

Three challenges that Narromine Shire faces are: climate impacts, public transport (buses, taxi), socio economic disadvantage.

PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	HOW IS NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL ASSISTING
Assist in facilitating partnerships and collaboration at a local level between communities, groups, businesses and community organisations	Collaborate with Government and health service providers to ensure a high quality health care.
Develop and build partnerships with State and Federal governments, industry and community organisations to foster development and delivery of community services and emerging business sectors	- Strengthen key relationships within medical agencies within the Shire. - Seek opportunities for further investment in the health sector.



Access to health services, safety and crime prevention were viewed as the biggest social challenges facing the Narromine region

A CONNECTED COMMUNITY

The connection's between members of the community remain a priority within our social plan as well as the physical connections of infrastructure including communication, roads and rail. One of the strongest reasons given by community members when asked about why they continue to live in our towns and villages is the strong sense of community and their connection to it.

Encourage family friendly eating and entertainment businesses.

Support for our businesses new and old to stay open. Promote Narromine for people to come and live in town to increase population.

PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	HOW IS NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL ASSISTING
Provide active and passive recreation facilities for all.	• Support for Macquarie Valley Regional Library Services for both Narromine and Trangie. • Promote activities during school holidays. • Encourage participation of the whole community.
Provide recreational activities and programs that are inclusive and meet the needs of the community.	• Promote available services and events through website and social media. Partner with these services to enhance outcomes. Eg Youth Week, Seniors Week.
Advocate for a range of formal and informal education, information, children's services and other services and opportunities to enhance lives.	• Advocate for range of services. Support for NASCA and Clontarf. • Encourage large projects within the Shire area to provide employment and training opportunities. • Advocate for the ongoing service delivery and regional presence of TAFE • Encourage a greater range of vacation and before and after school care. Advocate for improved available services.

A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

The Community Strategic Plan calls for a vibrant community that has a strong sense of belonging and wellbeing, where we celebrate our different cultures and welcome new comers.

“
Encourage more events to
come to Narromine
”

PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	HOW IS NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL ASSISTING
Recognise and celebrate our cultural and social diversity through local events, programs and projects.	• In conjunction with community groups help to facilitate events that celebrate community values. Eg support for Australia Day, Venetian Carnival • Support for major events such as Dolly Parton Festival and Trangie, Truck and Tractor. • Support for the Arts. • MOU with Aboriginal Community. • Host citizenship ceremonies. • Provide information packs. • Welcome to new residents function.
Support the development of the actions within the MOU between the Trangie and Narromine Aboriginal Land Councils.	• MOU with Aboriginal Community.
Advocate for high quality aged care that enables older people to be integrated and active in the community.	• Work closely with Tombrebongie House and the Trangie Aged Care to enhance liability within the Community. • Undertake actions within Disability Inclusion Action Plan.
The Council elected members are representative of the community and provide strong and visionary leadership.	• Provide for the ongoing support and development of the Narromine Shire Youth Council. • Support during Youth Week. • Support for the schools and their programs.



PRIORITIES 2026-2030

Priorities for Narromine Shire Council in the implementation of the Social Plan over the period from 2026.

ITEM	THEMES	EXPLANATION
Support Youth activities within the Shire and Advocate where possible for the increased provision of educational opportunities for our youth within the Shire.	• A connected community • A vibrant community • Liveability	• Share and celebrate our cultural diversity. • Advocate for services to provide healthy lifestyles. • Support for library services. • Support improvements to gym access. • Continuous improvement of outdoor sports and recreation areas. • Advocate for greater before and after school care opportunities.
Ensure older people have appropriate accommodation to meet their needs and feel a strong part of our community.	• Liveability • A vibrant Community	• Work closely with Timbreebongie House as they look to develop additional aged care facilities in Narromine. • Ensure the availability and range of events.
Protect and celebrate Aboriginal heritage and culture and provide opportunities for interpretation and understanding.	• A vibrant community	• Enhance links with the Aboriginal community. These relationships include: • Via the MOU in place with key Aboriginal organisations • Via the Services Inter-agency • Through Youth activities • Enhance cultural opportunities.
Ensure people have opportunities for appropriate accommodation to meet their needs.	• A vibrant community • Liveability	• Ensure suitable availability of land for housing development. • Encourage a range of residential housing development.
Continue to retain and enhance existing and new health services.	• A healthy community	• Ensure ongoing development of the Allied Health sector. • Encourage additional capacity for the Narromine Hospital, Peak Hill AMS and all other medical services.



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