



## **PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN 2020 - 2025**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This Pesticide Use Notification Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 2017.

The aim of this plan is to meet the community's general right to know about pesticide applications made to outdoor public places that are owned or controlled by Narromine Shire Council. The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with pesticides, if they wish.

The term 'pesticide' is applied to chemicals used to kill pests and minimise their impact on agriculture, health and other human interests. Pesticides are often classified according to the organisms which they are used to control, e.g. fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides, nematocides, rodenticides, algaecides, baits, repellents etc.

The plan sets out how Narromine Shire Council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls.

The plan describes:

- What public places are covered by the plan
- Who regularly uses these public places and an estimated level of use
- How and when Narromine Shire Council will provide the community with information about its pesticide applications in public places
- How the community can access this plan and get more information about Council's notification arrangements
- How future reviews of the plan will be conducted
- Contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with Narromine Shire Council

## 2 PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Narromine Shire Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls within the Narromine Shire Local Government area:

Public land owned or controlled by the Narromine Shire Council, including

- Public park and garden areas
- Sporting fields and ovals
- Road and laneway verges
- Pathways
- Reserves
- Drains and other easements
- Showgrounds
- Dog pounds
- Swimming pools
- Cemeteries
- Kerb and gutters
- Saleyard
- Aerodrome
- Water filtration plant
- Waste Water (Sewerage) Treatment Plant
- Works Depot

Narromine Shire Council's estimate of the level of community use, regular user groups and types of pesticide use in each of these categories of public places are summarised in the following tables.

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
<b>Public park and garden areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Families</li> <li>• Elderly people</li> <li>• Recreational users (joggers etc)</li> <li>• Groups (Friends of Parks)</li> <li>• Contractors</li> <li>• Education and Tour Groups</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticides</li> <li>• Broadscale spraying herbicides</li> <li>• Broadscale spraying insecticides</li> <li>• Spot spraying fungicides</li> </ul>

<b>Public places</b>	<b>Regular user groups</b>	<b>Level of use of public place</b>	<b>Type of pesticide use</b>
<b>Sporting fields and ovals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Sport clubs and associations</li> <li>• School groups</li> <li>• General public</li> <li>• Spectators</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> </ul>	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticides</li> <li>• Broadscale spraying herbicides</li> <li>• Broadscale spraying insecticides</li> <li>• Cut n paint herbicides</li> </ul>
<b>Road and laneway verges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Adjoining landholders and residents</li> <li>• Walkers and joggers</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticides</li> <li>• Broadscale spraying herbicides</li> <li>• Broadscale spraying insecticides</li> </ul>
<b>Pathways</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Residents</li> <li>• Joggers</li> <li>• Visitors</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticides</li> </ul>
<b>Reserves</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Family groups</li> <li>• Walkers &amp; joggers</li> <li>• Picnic groups</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> <li>• Fishermen</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticides</li> <li>• Cut n paint herbicides</li> </ul>
<b>Drains and easements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> <li>• Local residents</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticides</li> </ul>
<b>Dog Pound</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> <li>• Visitors</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticides</li> </ul>
<b>Showground</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Sporting clubs</li> <li>• Families</li> <li>• Animals</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticides</li> <li>• Boom spray herbicides</li> </ul>
<b>Swimming pools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Families</li> <li>• School groups</li> <li>• Visitors/tourists</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> </ul>	High during Pool season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticides</li> <li>• Boom spray herbicides</li> </ul>

<b>Public places</b>	<b>Regular user groups</b>	<b>Level of use of public place</b>	<b>Type of pesticide use</b>
<b>Cemetery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Visitors</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticides</li> <li>• Broadscale spraying herbicides</li> </ul>
<b>Saleyards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Animals</li> <li>• Farmers</li> <li>• Stock and Station Agents</li> <li>• Truck Drivers</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Broadscale spraying herbicides</li> </ul>
<b>Aerodrome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Pilots</li> <li>• Passengers</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Boom spraying herbicides</li> </ul>
<b>Water Filtration Plant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> <li>• Company representatives</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> </ul>
<b>Waste Water (Sewerage) Treatment Plant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticides</li> </ul>
<b>Works Depot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> <li>• Delivery persons</li> <li>• Company representatives</li> </ul>	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spraying herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spraying insecticides</li> </ul>
<b>Council owned public buildings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff</li> <li>• Maintenance staff</li> <li>• Delivery persons</li> <li>• Company representatives</li> <li>• Residents</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spraying herbicides</li> <li>• Spot spraying insecticides</li> </ul>

### **3 NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS**

This section of the plan describes how and when Narromine Shire Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places, including special measures for sensitive areas that are adjacent to public places, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and circumstances where notice will not be given.

These notification requirements are based on Narromine Shire Council's assessment of:

- The level of usage of public places where pesticides may be used
- The extent to which members of the public who are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides are likely to use these areas
- The extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some contact with pesticides
- The type of pesticides used

Council will ensure that notice will be given as detailed in "8- WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED" part of this plan.

### **4 HOW AND WHEN NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE WILL BE PROVIDED**

- Pesticide Application Notice will be placed on Council's website site and social media pages outlining the spraying program in accordance with the table below.
- Signs will be displayed on the day of pesticide application at the entrance and/or other prominent or highly used access point to the public place.
- Information will be available on Council's website or by phoning Council's office on 02 6889 9999.

Notification will be as follows:

<b>Public places</b>	<b>Notification Requirements</b> Councils Website and Social media page	<b>Signage on display at site/s on day of application</b>	<b>Application of pesticide</b>	<b>Sensitive Areas</b> Areas adjacent to sensitive areas such as outside schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours.
<b>Public parks &amp; garden areas</b>	Six monthly, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (garden beds, gravel paths, broadleaf weeds etc)</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticide (European Wasps etc)</li> <li>• Apply fungicide (applied to plants and tubers etc)</li> <li>• Broadscale herbicide (broadleaf weeds etc)</li> <li>• Broadscale insecticide (turf eating insects like African Black Beetle)</li> <li>• Cut n paint herbicide (direct application)</li> </ul>	Applicable
Sport fields and ovals	Six monthly, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (garden beds, gravel paths, broadleaf weeds etc)</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticide (European Wasps etc)</li> <li>• Apply fungicide (applied to turf areas etc)</li> <li>• Broadscale herbicide (broadleaf weeds etc)</li> <li>• Broadscale insecticide (turf eating insects like African Black Beetle etc).</li> </ul>	Applicable

<b>Public places</b>	<b>Notification Requirements</b> Council's Website and Social Media Pages	<b>Signage on display at site/s on day of application</b>	<b>Application of pesticide</b>	<b>Sensitive Areas</b> Areas adjacent to sensitive areas such as outside schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours.
Road and laneway verges	Six monthly unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Mobile Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites and nuisance weeds etc)</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticide (European Wasps etc)</li> <li>• Boom spraying (vegetation growth on road shoulders)</li> </ul>	Applicable – additionally Herbicide treatment adjacent to vineyards and orchards will be carried out prior to bud swell or after the fruit has finished too avoid non-target spray drift damage.
Pathways	Six monthly, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Mobile Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds and nuisance weeds etc)</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticide (European Wasps etc)</li> </ul>	Applicable
Reserves	Annually, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites and nuisance weeds etc)</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticide (European Wasps etc)</li> <li>• Cut n paint herbicides (direct application)</li> </ul>	Applicable

<b>Public places</b>	<b>Notification Requirements</b> Council's Website and Social Media Pages	<b>Signage on display at site/s on day of application</b>	<b>Application of pesticide</b>	<b>Sensitive Areas</b> Areas adjacent to sensitive areas such as outside schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours.
Drains & other easements	Annually, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Mobile Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites &amp; nuisance weeds etc)</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticide (Spiders, Cockroaches, European Wasps etc)</li> </ul>	Applicable
Showground	Annually	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, paths, tree sites &amp; nuisance weeds etc)</li> <li>• Broadscale herbicide (broadleaf weeds etc)</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticide (European Wasps etc)</li> </ul>	Not Applicable
Dog Pound	Nil due to remote location and restricted access	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, driveway and nuisance weeds)</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticides (spiders, rodents etc)</li> </ul>	Not Applicable
Swimming Pool	Nil Sprayed in off season only unless it is an emergency then during closed hours	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (fence lines, tree sites and nuisance weeds etc)</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticide (Spiders, European Wasps etc)</li> </ul>	Applicable

<b>Public places</b>	<b>Notification Requirements</b> Council's Website and Social Media Pages	<b>Signage on display at site/s on day of application</b>	<b>Application of pesticide</b>	<b>Sensitive Areas</b> Areas adjacent to sensitive areas such as outside schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours.
Cemetery	Annually	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites and nuisance weeds etc)</li> <li>• Spot spray insecticide (Spiders, European Wasps etc)</li> <li>• Broadscale spraying herbicide (Broadleaf weeds)</li> </ul>	Not Applicable
Kerb and gutters	Annually unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc)</li> </ul>	Applicable
Saleyards	Nil due to remote location and restricted access	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc)</li> <li>• Boom spray herbicides (in small paddocks areas)</li> </ul>	Not Applicable
Aerodrome	Annually	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc)</li> <li>• Boom spraying (broadleaf weeds)</li> </ul>	Not Applicable
Water filtration plant	Nil due to remote location and restricted access	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spot spray herbicide (weeds along water edges and fence lines etc)</li> </ul>	Not Applicable

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Sewerage Treatment Plant	Nil due to remote location and restricted access	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc)</li> </ul>	Not Applicable
Works Depot	Nil due to remote location and restricted access	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc)</li> <li>Spot spraying insecticide (Spiders, European wasps etc)</li> </ul>	Not Applicable
Council owned public buildings	Annually, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc)</li> <li>Spot spraying insecticide (Spiders, European wasps etc)</li> </ul>	Applicable

## **5 SPECIAL MEASURES FOR SENSITIVE PLACES**

Clause 39 of the *Pesticides Regulation 2017* defines a sensitive place to be any:

- School or pre-school
- Kindergarten
- Childcare centre
- Hospital
- Community Health Centre
- Nursing home
- Any place declared to be a sensitive place by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

Letter and or email at least five (5) working days prior to application, or the pesticide requires special notification measures to be taken. Kerb and gutters adjacent to sensitive area such as schools, preschools will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours.

## **6 NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS**

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents (that pose an immediate health hazard), Narromine Shire Council Staff and/ or the contractor will, where possible, provide notice by posting signs nearby or other notification as stated by the pesticide product label, at the time of application. If no such notice exists on the product label, Narromine Shire Council will door-knock in that sensitive place and advise people of Narromine Shire Council's actions.

## **7 PESTICIDE CONTRACTORS AND LESSEES OF PUBLIC PLACES**

Where Narromine Shire Council uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf, Narromine Shire Council will ensure that notification is made in accordance with the notification requirements of this plan.

Where persons or organisations hold existing lease on Narromine Shire Council land that remains a public place and if they use pesticides in this area, Narromine Shire Council will still require notification in accordance with the requirements of this plan.

## **8 WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED**

In accordance with clause 20 41(1)(h) of the *Pesticides Regulation 2017*, notices of pesticides use will include the following information:

- The full product name of the pesticide to be used, and
- The purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated, and
- The proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use, and
- The places where the pesticide is to be used, and

- Contact telephone number and email address of the Narromine Shire Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice, and
- Any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) permit.

Signs will be of a standardised design that will be easily recognisable to the public and Council staff.

## **9 HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN**

Narromine Shire Council will advise residents of this plan and its contents by:

- Making a copy of the plan available for public viewing, free of charge, at Council's office at 118 Dandaloo Street, Narromine
- Placing a copy of the plan on the Council's website at [www.narromine.nsw.gov.au](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au)

## **10 FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN**

The notification plan will be reviewed every five years or when circumstances require a review of the plan. The review will include:

- A report on progress of implementing the plan
- Placing the plan on public exhibition, with any proposed changes and calling for public submissions

### **Clause 44 Pesticides Regulation 2017 Amendments to pesticide use notification plans**

A pesticide use notification plan may be amended by another pesticide use notification plan, and any such amending plan must comply with clauses 42 and 43 unless the public authority considers on reasonable grounds that the amendment is not of sufficient substance to warrant public consultation.

## **11 CONTACT DETAILS**

Anyone wishing to contact Narromine Shire Council to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications in public places should contact Manager Health Building and Environmental Services, during normal business hours on 6889 9999, or email [mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au)

## **Pesticide Use Notification.**

### **Noxious Weed control and Public Open Space Weed control.**

In accordance with Part 5 of the Pesticide Regulation, 2017 Narromine Shire Council wishes to inform the community of the following pesticide use by staff on Council property (prescribed public places)

(Please note the time periods indicate the planned duration, but activities may occasionally occur outside each period)

**Date** (Annually, Six Monthly or 5 working days prior)

Locations:

- Public park and garden areas
- Sporting fields and ovals
- Road and laneway verges
- Pathways
- Reserves
- Drains and other easements
- Showgrounds
- Swimming pools
- Cemeteries
- Kerb and gutters
- Aerodrome
- Council owned public buildings

Purpose: Priority weeds of the Central West Program and as directed by Local Land Services, broadleaf spraying.

Products:

- Cutlass M (MCPA 340g/lit Dicamba 80g/lit)
- Gazon Extra (Triclopyr 300g/lit Picloram 100g/lit Aminopyralid 8g/lit)
- Glyphosate 360g/lit
- Glyphosate 450g/lit
- Glyphosate 510g/lit
- Brushoff (Metsulfuron-methyl 600g/kg)
- Excalibur (Sulfometuron –methyl 750g/kg)
- Garlon 600 (Triclopyr 600 g/l)
- Pulse (1020g/l Polyether modified polysiloxane)
- Amicide 625 (2,4-D Amine 625g/l)

Note: Signage will be displayed whilst application is taking place and will remain there until the re-entry period has expired (if applicable) in accordance with the Narromine Shire Council's Pesticide Use Notification Plan.

For further information contact Narromine Shire Council's Manager Health Building and Environmental Services, during normal business hours on 6889 9999, email [mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au)