

COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2021

Please be advised that there is no Ordinary Council meeting held in January. The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held Wednesday, 10 February 2021 at Council's Chambers, commencing at 5.30 pm.

AUSTRALIA DAY 2021

Narromine residents are reminded that due to COVID restrictions there will be changes to the usual **Australia Day activities in 2021**.

The Council led Australia Day ceremony will be held in **Narromine** as an **invitation only** civic event and citizenship ceremony.

Community members and interested people are invited to participate via a livestream on **Narromine Shire Council's Facebook page from 8.30 am** on Tuesday 26th January 2021.

Trangie Action Group will hold an **Australia Day ceremony** at the Trangie USMC commencing at **6.00 pm in Trangie**.

EXTENDED SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS AT NARROMINE AND TRANGIE AQUATIC CENTRES

Narromine and Trangie Aquatic Centres will have extended pool hours during the 2020/2021 Summer school holiday period effective from 21 December 2020 through to 29 January 2021.

Entry fees to both Narromine and Trangie Aquatic Centres will be **half price** from Saturday **16 January** through to Thursday **4 February 2021**. Entry fees are subsidised by NSW Government and apply only to a daily admission fee, non-swimming admission fee and swimming carnival spectator fee.

Please be advised that Narromine and Trangie Aquatic Centres will be **open** from **10.00 am to 6.00 pm** on Australia Day (Public Holiday) **26 January 2021**.

MAJOR PROJECTS

Council would like to advise of the following major projects that are currently on public exhibition:

Inland Rail - Narromine to Narrabri proposed by Australian Rail Track Corporation Limited. The Proponent has requested the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces to declare the proposal as critical State Significant Infrastructure.

This section of the Inland Rail project consists of approximately 300 km of new single-track rail line, through private and public property in a "greenfield" environment between Narromine and Narrabri.

The State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) application, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and accompanying documents are on exhibition until **Sunday 7 February 2021** and are accessible electronically on the Department's website www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10211

Tomingley Gold (Alkane Resources Ltd) have submitted a Modification Report and Appendices for Tomingley Gold MOD 5. The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is aiming to have the Modification on exhibition **Wednesday 16 December 2020 to Friday 29 January 2021**.

Council will hold a hard copy of the application for the exhibition period and it will also be available on the Department's website.

www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/17061

REPORTING CHEMICAL POLLUTION

Council reminds all members of the public wishing to report or inquire about pollution should contact the organisation responsible for its regulation as set out in the table below.

POLLUTION TYPE	ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE	CONTACT
Transport of dangerous goods	Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	131 555
Chemical Spills	Fire and Rescue NSW EPA	000 131 555
Contaminated Sites	EPA	131 555
Pesticides, Herbicides	EPA	131 555
Radiation	EPA	131 555

For any incident that presents an immediate threat to human health or property, report it immediately to 000.

VEHICLE SAFETY

Council is reminding all road users to be extra cautious over coming weeks and months and to take extra care when driving around heavy vehicles and trucks.

Council also urges all motorists to **be alert on roads and at rail level crossings** in the coming months as grain locomotives continue to use rail lines.

All unsealed roads remain open to all vehicles with caution due to damage caused by recent rain events. All drivers are reminded not to drive through flood waters.

Please be mindful that there is increased traffic on all roads.

Remember to plan ahead, slow down and allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely.

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