

### **COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2020**

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held Wednesday, 9 December, at Council's Chambers, commencing at 5.30 pm. Following the lifting of the COVID-19 Restrictions, Council has resumed meeting in the Chambers with a maximum of TEN (10) members of the public in attendance. The meetings will no longer be live streamed, however an audio recording will be uploaded the following day.

### **VEHICLE SAFETY DURING HARVEST 2020**

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 during harvest.

Council also urges all motorists to be alert on roads and at rail level crossings in the coming months as the grain harvest will continue.

As the Queensland and Victorian borders are now open and overseas travel is not an option this summer, please be mindful that there will be increased traffic on the roads. Please remember to plan ahead, slow down and allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely.

### **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](http://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](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/17061)

### **MACQUARIE REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE**

Council advises that the Narromine and Trangie Branch of Macquarie Regional Library Service will close on Thursday 24 December at 4.00 pm. The Narromine branch will re-open on Tuesday 29 December 2020 at 10.30am and the Trangie branch will re-open Wednesday 30 December 2020. Both Libraries will be closed on Friday 1 January and Saturday 2 January 2021, from this date Library Service hours will resume as normal.

The Narromine Branch of the Macquarie Regional Library Service is now open from Monday to Friday from 10.30 am until 5.30 pm and every Saturday morning from 10.00 am until midday.

### **COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CLOSURE 2020**

Please be advised that Narromine Shire Council Customer Service and Payments Centre and Chambers will close for business at 5.00pm on Tuesday 22nd December 2020 and re-open at 8.30am Wednesday 6th of January 2021.

The Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley Waste Management Facilities will be closed on Friday 25 December 2020.

During this period, requests for emergency and essential services may be lodged with Council by telephoning 02 6889 9999.

### **AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS 2021**

Council is reminding all residents to acknowledge the wonderful contributions that individuals and groups make to the wider community. 2021 Australia Day Awards are open and nomination forms are available from Council's website <https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/australia-day-awards>

Nominations will close on **Friday 8 January 2021** – categories for nomination include:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Sports Award
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Junior Sports Award
- Community Event of the Year
- Children's Champion Award

Planning is currently underway for Australia Day 2021 in the Narromine Shire. Council will announce information in respect to the events held to celebrate Australia Day in the near future.

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