

COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 28 JULY 2021

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Narromine Shire Council wishes to advise that the Extraordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 28 July 2021 has been cancelled. The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held at **Council Chambers on Wednesday 11 August 2021** commencing at 5.30 pm. Please note that current **COVID-19 Public Health Orders** apply and a limited number of people will be allowed in the Chambers.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS POSTPONED UNTIL 4 DECEMBER 2021

Council advises that NSW Government has postponed the NSW Local Government Elections that were to be held on 4 September 2021 until **Saturday, 4 December 2021**, due to the escalating COVID-19 situation. The current Narromine Shire Councillors will continue to hold their civic offices until this time. Electoral rolls will now close on **25 October, 2021** with candidate nominations closing on **3 November, 2021**. For more information visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au

COVID-19 UPDATE – NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL BUILDINGS

Based on current Public Health Orders, please be reminded that **ALL VISITORS** are requested to sign in through the **QR code** and **face masks must be worn** when visiting Narromine Shire Council's Customer Service and Payments Centre, Council Chambers, Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre, Macquarie Regional Library Branches of Narromine and Trangie.

All **members** of the **Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre** are **REMINDED** to sign in through the QR code, wipe each piece of equipment down after use and remain 1.5 m distance from others. It is **mandatory for face masks to be worn** if not partaking in strenuous physical activity, this includes moving between equipment, entering and exiting the facility.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/DONATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Council is currently calling for any requests for donations, sponsorship and the waiver of Council fees and charges for 2021/2022 year from Narromine Shire Council community groups and organisations.

The eligibility criteria and application form is contained within **Donations, Sponsorships & Waiver of Fees & Charges Policy** which is found on Council's website www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/grants.

All applications for funding must be submitted on this form, completed in full and include all relevant attachments as requested. Hard copy application forms can also be obtained from Council's Customer Service Building, 118 Dandaloo Street, Narromine or by phoning 02 6889 9999.

The **closing date** for all Donations/Sponsorship and Waiver of Fees is **5.00 pm Tuesday 31st August 2021**. Applications for funding are to be considered at Council's September meeting.

Applications can either be hand delivered to the Council's Customer Service Building at 118 Dandaloo Street, emailed to mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au or posted to the General Manager, Narromine Shire Council, PO Box 115, Narromine NSW 2821.

For any queries, please contact Council's Customer Service and Payments Centre on 6889 9999.

PUBLIC NOTICE - CLASSIFICATION OF LAND

Narromine Shire Council resolved at its Ordinary Meeting held 13 March 2019, that upon acquisition of part Lot 7300 DP 1148668 (now registered as Lot 731 DP1257214) for the essential public purpose of a **truck wash facility**, the land be classified as **operational land**.

Public submissions on the proposal to **classify this land as operational**, can be made to the General Manager, PO Box 115, Narromine, NSW, 2821 or emailed to mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au. Closing date for submissions is Wednesday, 11 August 2021.

NSW PLANNING PORTAL IS NOW LIVE

Council advises from 1 July 2021 all Development Applications within Narromine Shire Local Government Area must be lodged through the NSW Planning Portal in line with State Government legislation. The new online portal enables people to access planning services and information from anywhere, at any time.

For information on how to register for a Portal Planning account and other resources visit www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/support/applicant-resource or contact Service NSW on 1300 305 695 or contact Council's Customer Service Centre at 118 Dandaloo Street Narromine or by phone on 6889 9999.

NARROMINE WETLANDS CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES

Council advises all residents that the Narromine Wetlands is closed to **all vehicles** as construction of the first primary pond is underway. **Pedestrians** are able to access the Wetlands via the pedestrian gate near the public toilets. Pedestrians are advised to enter the Wetlands with caution, as internal walkway closures will occur. For your safety, please observe all signs in place.

CLOSED ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

Council advises that the following roads are **CLOSED to ALL VEHICLES** Gainsborough Road (between Tomingley Road and McGrane Way) – access to Narromine Waste Depot remains unaffected, Merrinong Road (between Pineview Road and Ewenmar Road), McLeod's Lane, Pineview Road, Tyrie North Road, Belowrie Road and Momo Road.

Tomingley Road and Eumungerie Road are CLOSED to all vehicles over 10 tonnes.

Oversize vehicles and/or Wide Load vehicles are exempt. The remainder of all **unsealed roads in the Shire are OPEN to all vehicles**. 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 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 grain locomotives continue to use rail lines. Remember to plan ahead, slow down and allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely.

NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSION – ONLINE SEMINARS FOR CANDIDATES

NSW Electoral Commission has conducted a range of online Candidate seminars. This is your chance to understand some of what is required as a prospective candidate for the upcoming Local Government elections. Find out more here: <https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/Elections/Local-government-elections/Local-Government-Elections-2021/Six-steps-to-being-a-candidate>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Interested people who would like to work at the local government elections can apply through the Electoral Commission's 'expression of interest' website. Information about the roles available can be found on the website

www.elections.nsw.gov.au/About-us/Work-with-us/Work-at-an-election

Please note that registering an expression of interest is not an offer of employment, and should not be interpreted as a guarantee that employment will be offered. Applicants can work on the day (Saturday 4th December) in a polling place, or for longer periods in a returning office or in one of the pre-poll voting centres.

NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL'S VANDALISM REWARDS SCHEME POLICY

Council reminds residents of the VANDALISM REWARDS SCHEME POLICY that is in place to try and minimise the **costs of vandalism** where the community is encouraged to report vandalism.

This policy offers a reward (maximum of \$5,000) to persons providing information on vandalism to Council owned or managed property that results in legal action being taken - i.e. criminal proceeding resulting in a conviction, finding of guilt or offence; formal caution/warning issued by a NSW Police Force Officer; or a juvenile justice conference administered under the Young Offenders Act 1997. For further information about this policy please visit:

www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/policies

Please call NSW Crime Stoppers to report vandalism or unusual behaviour on 1800 333 000 and in the case of an Emergency please call 000.

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