



COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2021

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 October 2021**. Due to current **COVID-19 Public Health Orders** the meeting will be held via livestream commencing **at 5.30 pm** please visit the link: <https://youtu.be/g0fPvMXFEul>

Special application will be required for any members of the public who wish to address Council in public forum commencing at 5.00 pm. Please complete the application form available on <https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/council-meetings> which **must be submitted to Council by 12 pm** on the day prior to the Council Meeting.

COMMENCEMENT OF BUSHFIRE DANGER PERIOD - 1 OCTOBER 2021

The Bushfire Danger Period (BFDP) will commence for the Narromine Shire Council area on Friday 1st October, 2021. The commencement of the BFDP means that a permit must be obtained to light a fire. For further information about fire permits please visit <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP>

MAGPIE SEASON IN THE NARROMINE REGION

Residents are reminded that it is peak magpie breeding season and magpies are actively protecting their nests over the next few months. Please be aware that magpies will swoop walkers, runners and bike riders. Magpies are very active at the Narromine Cemetery – please enter with caution.

Magpies are a native species to the Narromine Region and are a protected species throughout NSW. Large fines and jail terms apply to offenders who kill, harm or capture the birds. Problems experienced with swooping magpies may be reported to WIRES (13 000 WIRES or 1300 094737) or to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (02 9585 6333). Little can be done to prevent the swooping behaviour of Magpies. For more information visit <https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/magpie-advice>

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS - STAY AT HOME ORDERS NARROMINE LGA

As of 12.01 am Saturday 25 September 2021 there was an easing of restrictions for those residing in the **Narromine Shire Council** Local Government Area (LGA this is inclusive of Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley).

What this means:

Up to 5 visitors in your home at any one time

Can visit retail stores, beauticians and nail salons and visit hospitality and entertainment venues following the strict 1 person per 4 square metre rule.

Gyms and indoor recreation facilities can operate so long as they comply with 1 person per 5 metre square rule.

Continue to work from home if you are able to. Further advice is available at:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/limited-restrictions>

Remember, it is vital for anyone showing any symptoms, or those who are a close or casual contact of someone who has tested positive to COVID-19, to get tested immediately, stay home and follow the health advice.

Further information about restrictions can be found by visiting the following website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/affected-regions>

For further health advice please visit the following website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Remember in the case of an emergency **call Triple Zero (000)** immediately.

SUPPORT DURING COVID – 19 INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESS

The following information and support is available for individuals and businesses that are impacted as a result of current Public Health Orders and restrictions:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/.../getting-help...> or call 1800 22 66

Support for businesses is available by calling 13 77 88 or go to the website:

<https://mybusiness.service.nsw.gov.au/concierge...> and arrange a call-back

The “test and isolate” payment of \$320 is now available to residents in the Narromine region for further information visit: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-test-and-isolate-support-payment>

There are many services available for individuals that are struggling mentally - support can be obtained from the following:

Lifeline – 13 11 14

BeyondBlue – 1800 51 23 48

Domestic Violence Line – 1800 65 64 63

1800 RESPECT – 1800 73 77 32

Suicide Callback Service – 1300 65 94 67

In an emergency call Triple Zero (000)

NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

To align with the NSW Government's COVID - 19 rules and to protect Council staff a number of Council businesses and services are operating under various restrictions until further notice. **Narromine Shire Council's Customer Service and Payments Centre**, located at 118 Dandaloo Street is open weekdays from 8.30 am until 5.00 pm. Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre is open and all users of the gym must continue to observe to the COVID-19 safety plan that is in place.

Narromine Library will reopen on Tuesday 5 October 2021 and **Trangie Library** will reopen on 6 October 2021, both libraries will operate regular hours, and a COVID-19 Safe Plan is in place. Visit the website for further information: <https://www.mrl.nsw.gov.au/about-us/locations>

The following **Council essential services** such as water, sewer, roads, ranger (emergency work), waste and amenities cleaning continue to operate as usual.

COVID -19 TESTING CLINICS IN NARROMINE AND TRANGIE

Council advises residents that **NSW Health** is conducting a drive-through COVID-19 testing clinic at Narromine Showground from 9.30 am through to 2.30 pm each day. NSW Health runs a testing clinic at Trangie's MPS call 5881 9200 to secure an

appointment. Surveillance testing is now activated across the Western NSW Local Health District and this allows residents to be tested and not have to self-isolate after the test is conducted - unless you have symptoms; you have been directed to isolate by NSW Health or have been at a venue of concern or someone in your household is a close contact of a confirmed COVID – 19 case.

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/DONATIONS CLOSING DATE IS 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

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 be obtained by phoning Council on 6889 9999. The **closing date** for all Donations/Sponsorship and Waiver of Fees is **5.00 pm Thursday 30 September 2021**. Applications can either be 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.

BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

Pet owners are reminded to microchip and register their dog or cat and ensure that their contact details are up to date. Any person wishing to register a cat or dog can do so by phoning Council on 6889 9999. All impounded animals must be microchipped and registered before being released from Council's pound.

Please remember as a pet owner, it is the owner's responsibility to ensure all pets are healthy, safe, well cared for and do not create a nuisance in the neighbourhood. Council operates a leash free area for dogs at the eastern end of Rotary Park on Culling Street Narromine.

A reminder that all people in charge of a dog must take all reasonable precautions to prevent dogs from escaping the property it is being housed in. Cat owners are always encouraged to keep a cat indoors at night to help reduce the number of native wildlife that are injured and/or killed and for other benefits such as cat fighting. For further information about the Council's Animal Shelter and Ranger Information please refer to Council's website: <http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/narromine-animal-shelter...>

CLOSED ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

Narromine Shire Council wishes to advise the travelling public that due to the current wet weather, all UNSEALED ROADS in the Shire are now **CLOSED** to all vehicles. Residents are reminded not to drive through flood waters.

The following roads will remain **CLOSED to ALL VEHICLES** - Gainsborough Road (between Tomingley Road and McGrane Way) – access to Narromine Waste Depot is not affected, Merrinong Road (between Pineview Road and Ewenmar Road), McLeod's Lane, Pineview Road, Tyrie North Road, Belowrie Road and Momo Road.

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.

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

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>

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