



COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 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/gOfPvMXFEuI>

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>

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

Narromine LGA returned to Stay-at-home orders on Thursday 30 September 2021 due to an increased COVID – 19 public health risk. Council businesses and services are operating under restrictions until 11 October 2021 this includes Council's Customer Service and Payments Centre, please note Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre is closed until further notice. Please check Council's social media pages and website for

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

Narromine and Trangie Library branches will **not** be reopening on 5 and 6 October as previously advertised. Please follow Macquarie Regional Library website and Facebook pages for updates.

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.

CLOSED ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

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

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