



## COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 22 DECEMBER 2021

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 February 2022** at Council Chambers commencing at 5.30 pm. The meetings will no longer be live streamed; however, an audio recording will be uploaded the following day.

### LOCALISED – PROMOTION OF NARROMINE REGION BUSINESSES

Council is determined to help **local businesses digitally** connect and has partnered with 'Localised' to create a local business network.

Narromine Region Business is a local business network to promote and support all business activity across the Narromine region. **A connected business community** will build resilience and put your business in front of more local businesses.

You can get started today. To join the Narromine Region Business platform, visit <https://narromineregionbusiness.localised.com.au/>

### ROAD CLOSURES, FLOOD WATER and ROAD SAFETY

Council reminds all motorists to visit Council's website, social media and LiveTraffic app or call 132 701 for information on local roads and traffic. All motorists are reminded **not to drive through floodwaters**. Water that is covering roadways may be deeper and faster flowing than anticipated and/or the road may have suffered extensive damage hidden beneath the water.

Flagrant and irresponsible disregard for this appeal could lead to prosecution to the full extent of the law. In life threatening situations call 000 (Triple Zero) for emergency help in floods call the NSW SES on 132 500. Motorists are reminded to proceed with caution on **all roads**.

### COUNCIL CLOSURE OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Please be advised that Council Depot, Council Chambers, and Customer Service and Payments Centre will be closed from **5pm Tuesday 21 December 2021** and will reopen at **8.30am Wednesday 5 January 2022**.

All other facilities (including Swimming Pools and Waste Depots) will be closed on Christmas Day and re-open during the rest of the Christmas and New Year period but may operate with changes to the hours of operation. Council continues to provide essential services to ensure the health and safety of the community including kerbside garbage collection, CBD cleaning and cleaning of public facilities such as toilets, BBQs.

Council will still provide appropriate on-call officers to respond to urgent maintenance work or emergency situations.

### **COUNCIL RANGER SERVICES OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD**

Over the Christmas period, Council Ranger Services call outs will respond to livestock on public roads and/or dog attacks. All stray animals can be delivered by residents to the surrender cages located at Narromine Shire Council's Animal Shelter on Dandaloo Road, Narromine. For further information visit:

<https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/narromine-animal-shelter-and-ranger-information>

### **AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS - NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

Council is reminding all residents to acknowledge the wonderful contributions that individuals and groups make to the wider community. **2022 Australia Day Awards are now open and nomination forms are available from Council's website**

<https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/australia-day-awards>

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS - JANUARY 2022**

Narromine Shire Council will be conducting a number of free and affordable sport and recreational programs in Narromine and Trangie over the January 2022 school holidays. Clinics include AFL, NRL, Tennis, Cricket, Basketball, Soccer and Skateboarding, along with a number of open days at the Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre. All children aged 8 years to 17 years are invited to participate. To register interest in the upcoming programs please visit <https://bit.ly/3oQWyJC>

### **EXTENDED SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS AT NARROMINE AND TRANGIE AQUATIC CENTRES**

Please be advised that Narromine and Trangie Aquatic Centres will have extended pool hours during the 2021/22 Summer school holiday period effective 17 December 2021 through to 1 February 2022. During this time, the opening hours at Narromine Aquatic Centre will be

Monday – Friday from 6.00 am to 8.00 am (season ticket holders only).

Monday – Friday 11.00 am to 7.00 pm and weekends from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm.

The opening hours at Trangie Aquatic Centre will be

Monday – Friday 6.00 am to 8.00 am (season ticket holders only).

Monday – Friday 1.00 pm to 7.00 pm and weekends from 10.00am to 6.00pm.

Narromine and Trangie Aquatic Centres will be closed on Christmas Day and will be open from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm on all Public Holidays over the summer period.

### **NARROMINE AND TRANGIE LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

For Summer Reading Club and school holiday activities at Narromine and Trangie Libraries visit [www.mrl.nsw.gov.au/programs-and-events/](http://www.mrl.nsw.gov.au/programs-and-events/) for more information.

### **DISPOSE OF UNWANTED OR OBSOLETE AGVET CHEMICALS – REGISTER NOW**

Agsafe's ChemClear program will be holding a collection throughout NSW in March 2022. Agvet chemical users can now register unwanted or obsolete agvet chemicals for collection in Narromine, registrations will close on **28 January 2022**. To register your chemicals, please visit: [www.chemclear.org.au/register-your-chemical](http://www.chemclear.org.au/register-your-chemical) or further information please contact ChemClear on: 1800 008 182

### **COVID-19 DRIVE THROUGH TESTING CLINIC**

**Narromine Health Service** conducts a drive-through COVID-19 testing clinic daily at Narromine Hospital from 9.30 am through to 2.30 pm. Testing is also available at Trangie's MPS, please call 5881 9200 to secure an appointment.

### **ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS OVER HARVEST**

Over harvest, all roads users are reminded to be cautious:

- Heavy vehicles may move slowly, take care and be patient.
- Don't try and overtake until it is safe.
- If you see a pilot vehicle, it means an oversize vehicle is approaching. Prepare to slow down and change your lane position. Oversize vehicles need additional room.
- Oversize vehicles have blind spots and may not see you. Take extra care.
- Heavy vehicles may have trailers attached and can be longer than expected. Take care when changing lanes.
- If you can, share the driving to prevent fatigue crashes.

### **MOSQUITOES ARE A HEALTH HAZARD**

Recent flooding has generated high levels of mosquito populations. Mosquitoes have the potential to transmit viruses such as Ross River and Barmah Forest. Helpful information is available from NSW Health, visit: [bit.ly/3DrS9BZ](https://bit.ly/3DrS9BZ)

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