



COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2022

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14 December 2022** at Council's Chambers commencing at 5.30pm.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION – COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND FACILITIES POLICY (DRAFT)

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 9 November July 2022 determined to place the Revised Councillor Expenses and Facility Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. Council will consider all submissions received during the public exhibition period prior to the final adoption of the Policy. Written submissions must be received by 5.00 pm the document will be available for public comment until 5.00 pm 12 December 2022. The draft Policy is available for viewing www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/public-exhibition

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS 2023

Council is reminding all residents to acknowledge the wonderful contributions that individuals and groups make to the wider community. **2023 Australia Day Awards** are open and nomination forms are available from Council's website www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/australia-day-awards

PROPOSED LEASE OF UNUSED PORTION OF SISSIAN ROAD, TRANGIE

Narromine Shire Council is proposing to lease a portion of the road reserve on Sissian Road to Robinson Grain Trading for access to the rail network associated with various operations. Submissions to the proposed lease can be made via Council's website or sent to Narromine Shire Council, PO Box 115, Narromine, NSW, 2821 by 4pm on Friday, 20 December 2022. For more information please visit: www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/public-exhibition

BUSHFIRE INFORMATION REMINDER

There is a significant increase in vegetation growth over past few years and as this dries out, there is an increased risk of **grass fires**. Landholders are asked to help reduce the risk of grass fires by taking steps to prevent fires from starting, especially during harvest. Know the fire danger rating in your area by visiting www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and help protect your family and your life with a Bush Fire Survival Plan. For more information please visit www.rfs.gov.au

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Trangie Street Xmas Party, Saturday 10 December 2022, contact Terrie, Trangie Action Group via email terriemilgate@hotmail.com

Tomingley Harvest Festival and Christmas Market will be held on **Saturday 17- Sunday 18 December 2022**, contact Quentin Park Alpacas by phoning 0484 576 928

WHAT'S ON IN THE NARROMINE REGION

If you have a community event please visit www.narromineregion.com.au to add any event to the Narromine Region event calendar.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CLOSURE 2022

Please be advised that Narromine Shire Council Customer Service and Payments Centre and Chambers will **close for business at 5.00pm on Tuesday 20 December 2022** and re-open at **8.30am Wednesday 4 January 2023**. During this period, requests for emergency and essential services may be lodged with Council by telephoning 02 6889 9999. Waste Management Facilities are closed on **Christmas Day**. To check the opening hours of facilities, visit: www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/waste-management

VEHICLE SAFETY DURING HARVEST 2022

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

ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Council advises motorists and residents that roadside vegetation management/slashing has commenced in the Narromine Local Government Area, in order to reduce vegetation and improve the visibility and safety for all road users. Please be mindful of slashers when driving on local roads.

ROAD CLOSURES and ROAD SAFETY

Up to date road closures and information is available on Council's website, by phoning council or via social media channels. Motorists are reminded to proceed with caution on all roads. For information about Narromine Shire Council's roads go to www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/road-conditions Live updates, traveller information and personalised alerts for all NSW roads visit www.livetraffic.com/

All motorists are reminded not to drive through floodwaters and to drive to the conditions of the road. 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.

FLOOD INFORMATION

Please visit Bureau of Meteorology for forecasts and flood warnings www.bom.gov.au/Visit For help or emergency information, visit www.ses.nsw.gov.au/ or contact 132 500. In life threatening situations call 000 (Triple Zero). For emergency help in floods call the NSW SES on 132 500. Tune in to your local ABC Radio station for any emergency announcements. For rural animal and livestock assistance, contact your Local Land Services Office on 1300 795 299 or visit www.lls.nsw.gov.au

NSW SMALL BUSINESS STORMS AND FLOOD SUPPORT

Support services are available now for small business owners and operators who have been seriously impacted by the NSW floods. Go to Service NSW website for more information www.service.nsw.gov.au/storm-and-flood-assistance-businesses_
www.service.nsw.gov.au/floods/financial-assistance

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP and REGISTRATION

All pet owners are reminded that companion animals must be under effective control (on a lead under the control of a competent person) while in a public place unless they are in a leash free area. Council operates a leash free area at the eastern end of Rotary Park on Culling Street Narromine. Any person wishing to register a cat or dog can do so at Council's **Customer Service and Payments Centre at 118 Dandaloo Street**, Narromine.

MOSQUITOES ARE A HEALTH HAZARD

Due to recent heavy rains and flooding, it's important to protect yourself and others against mosquito bites and acquiring mosquito-borne diseases. Help protect yourself and your home.

- Cover up as much as possible.
- Use an effective insect repellent on any exposed skin.
- Use insecticide sprays, vapour dispensing units (indoors) and mosquito coils (outdoors) to clear rooms or repel mosquitoes from an area.
- Cover all windows, doors, vents and other entrances with insect screens.
- Remove any water-holding containers outside the house where mosquitoes could breed.

For more information please visit NSW Health website: www.health.nsw.gov.au/

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