



## COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2023

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held **Wednesday, 10 May 2023** at Council's Chambers, commencing at 5.30 pm.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES – JOIN COUNCIL'S TEAM

Narromine Shire Council is currently offering a variety of opportunities to grow, develop and progress your career, please visit Council's website for more information [www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/employment](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/employment) or follow Council's Social Media page for updates.

### NARROMINE'S ROTARY PARK BOAT RAMP

Construction and improvement work have commenced at **Narromine's Rotary Park Boat Ramp**. There is no access to launch a boat or other recreational vessels from this site until works have been finalised. The site will be fenced off for safety during this time.

### 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](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/road-conditions) Live updates, traveller information and personalised alerts for all NSW roads visit [www.livetraffic.com/](http://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.

### WHAT'S ON IN THE NARROMINE REGION

The Narromine region plays host to a variety of fun and exciting events throughout the year including market days, aviation spectaculars, school holiday activities, library activities, agricultural show, country racing, community fundraisers and much more. Have a look at the events calendar now at [www.narromineregion.com.au/calendar](http://www.narromineregion.com.au/calendar) If you would like to promote an event, you can list it on this site as well.

## **PUBLIC EXHIBITION - NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL**

Proposed Road Closing under Section 38B Roads Act 1993 HW17 Newell Highway proposed deviation Council road realignments 56.3 km to 34.1 kms North of Parkes.

In pursuance of the provisions of the *Roads Act 1993*, notice is hereby given that Narromine Shire Council proposes to close parts of the Council public roads listed below.

- Part Newell Highway - approx 8.08km
- Part Kyalite Road – approx 2.1km
- Part Back Tomingley West Road – approx 0.78km: and
- Part McNivens Lane – approx 0.12km

For the purpose of the re-alignment of the Newell Highway near Tomingley.

Upon closure of the road, council intends to transfer the land to an adjoining landowner. All interested persons are hereby invited to make submissions concerning the proposal to the General Manager, Narromine Shire Council, 124 Dandaloo Street, Narromine, within twenty eight (28) days of the date of this advertisement. Please note that under the provisions of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009*, such submissions may be referred to third parties for consideration. Once the submission period is completed, Narromine Shire Council will consider all duly made submissions before deciding whether to continue with the road closure proposal.

For further information, please contact Andre Pretorius 02 6889 9999 or visit

<https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/public-exhibition>

## **PUBLIC EXHIBITION - NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL**

Modification to Development Application 2021/21 PAN-321078 Establishment of a Solar PV Power Generation Plant with Proposed Additional Battery Storage System at 1570 Dandaloo Road, Narromine Lot: 2221 DP: 1101864.

This development was approved by the Western Regional Planning Panel as a Regionally Significant Project 3 August 2021.

The proposal included a no larger than 5MW grid-connected solar PV installation. The solar farm will be connected to Essential Energy's network via a 22 kV distribution line running adjacent to the southern boundary of the site. The PV arrangement will continue to consist of approximately 147 ground mounted single axis trackers. A modification to the proposal has now been lodged to include a Battery Energy Storage System. This is visually comparable to a shipping container (10m long) and be able to store 4.95MW of electricity.

All submissions must be in writing and must be addressed to the **General Manager**, Narromine Shire Council within the notification period **commencing on 8 May 2023 and finishing 22 May 2023** you may view the application and make a submission online via the NSW Planning Portal: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/daexhibitions>

Further details of the proposal are available at Council's Customer Service Centre 118-120 Dandaloo Street, Narromine. If you have any questions please contact Emma Yule, Manager Planning on (02) 6889 9999.

## **INSTALLATION OF SMART WATER METERS**

Narromine Shire Council is updating all water meters across the Shire and is currently installing smart meters. The smart meters will allow council to better manage the Shire's water network. Over coming months, Council will launch a customer portal where residents and businesses can monitor their water consumption for free which will help reduce any water wastage and bring down those bills.

Residents are encouraged to be water wise all year round and assist in reducing water wastage. For further information about water saving tips please visit Council's website: <https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/environment/water-saving-handy-tips>

If a water bill has increased significantly, residents and business owners can contact Council who can try and help identify where any high-water use is coming from or identify a leak using the smart meter data. Council can be contacted by phoning 6889 9999 or via email [mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au) Water rates notices are due by 31 May 2023.

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