

COUNCIL COLUMN

COUNCIL MEETING

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Wednesday, 8 April at 5:30pm. The meeting will be taking place via Audio Visual Link.

NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

To align with the NSW Governments restrictions and to protect Council staff the following Council businesses and services are being affected from Monday 23 March 2020 until further notice;

- Narromine and Trangie Aquatic Centre – Closed
- Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre – Closed
- Outdoor playgrounds, skateparks and exercise equipment – Closed
- Council's Customer Services and Payments Centre – Closed to the public, available on 6889 9999 and via online services. A reminder that payments can be made by any of the following:
 - **eNotices:** Click or go to <https://narromine.enotices.com.au/> and sign up to pay your Council invoices online
 - **Over the phone:** Call 6889 9999 and give your credit card details over the phone to one of our friendly Customer Service Operators
 - **In person:** Visit any Australia Post branch and have your Narromine Shire Council Rate or Water Notice with you. Australia Post will accept Cash, Cheque and Credit Card and their hours are 9:00am to 5:00pm.
- Council Depots (Narromine and Trangie) – Closed to the public
- Narromine and Trangie Libraries - Closed
- Outdoor BBQ facilities - Closed
- Community Halls - Closed
- Showground Facilities - Closed to casual hirers

The following Council services are **not affected** at this time and are continuing as normal;

- Waste Facilities and Waste Transfer Stations
- Water and Sewer services
- Rubbish Collection
- Planning and Health Survey functions
- Parks and Gardens upkeep (please note, due to a number of closures the level of maintenance may decrease)
- Cemeteries
- Public toilets (subject to review)

For more information visit www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/updates

COMMUNITY REMINDED TO NOT FLUSH WIPES, PAPER TOWEL AND FACIAL TISSUES

Products such as paper towels, wipes and tissue paper are not designed for our sewerage systems and could lead to sewer spills.

Toilet paper is the only product that is designed to break down properly in our sewerage network.

Paper towels, tissues and wipes don't disintegrate the same way as toilet paper and can get stuck in the pipes or cause fatbergs to form in the pipes. This can lead to sewer spills in the home or in public spaces, like parks and waterways.

We also recommend customers avoid 'flushable' wipes as there is no current Australian industry standard that provides criteria to manufacturers on how to make them compatible with our sewer systems.

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