



## COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2022

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Please be advised that there is no Ordinary Council meeting held in January. The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8 February 2023** at Council's Chambers commencing at 5.30pm.

### 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](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/australia-day-awards)

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES – NARROMINE & TRANGIE

Sporting clinics and fun activities - find out what is on and where, these school holidays by visiting <https://www.narromineregion.com.au/calendar>

### 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](http://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](http://www.rfs.gov.au)

### WHAT'S ON IN THE NARROMINE REGION

If you have a community event please visit [www.narromineregion.com.au](http://www.narromineregion.com.au) to add any event to the Narromine Region event calendar.

### 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.

### 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**.

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.

Narromine Shire Council continues to provide essential services to ensure the health and safety of the community including kerbside garbage collection (as per normal collection days), CBD cleaning and cleaning of public facilities such as toilets, BBQs.

During this period, requests for emergency and essential services may be lodged with Council by telephoning 02 6889 9999. To check the opening hours of waste management facilities, please visit: [www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/waste-management](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/waste-management)

### **MACQUARIE REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE**

Council advises that the Narromine and Trangie Branch of Macquarie Regional Library Service will **close** on **Friday 23 December 2022 at Midday**. The **Narromine** branch will **re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2023** at 10.30am and the **Trangie** branch will **re-open Wednesday 4 January December 2023**. Macquarie Regional Online Library is always open, for more information please visit: [www.mrl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mrl.nsw.gov.au)

### **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](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.

### **FLOOD INFORMATION**

Please visit Bureau of Meteorology for forecasts and flood warnings [www.bom.gov.au/Visit](http://www.bom.gov.au/Visit) For help or emergency information, visit [www.ses.nsw.gov.au/](http://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](http://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](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/storm-and-flood-assistance-businesses) [www.service.nsw.gov.au/floods/financial-assistance](http://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.

For further information about caring for dogs and cats and looking after pets during the heat of summer please visit: [www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents)

### **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/](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/)

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