



COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2023

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8 March 2023** at Council Chambers commencing at 5.30 pm.

WATER METER READINGS

Residents of Narromine, Trangie & Tomingley are advised that Council will be conducting water meter reading from **23 February until 3 March 2023** (this may include weekend readings). Please ensure your meters are accessible and animals are secured during this period. If your meter cannot be accessed, Council will estimate your water usage based on the previous usage.

CONTRACTING TO COUNCIL – HOW TO REGISTER

Narromine Shire Council regularly engages contractors to undertake various projects, works or services. All contractors who are engaged by Council are required to register with Council's Contractor Management System, **Vault**, before commencing any work. To **register** to vault visit www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/business/vault-access-registration

The Vault portal is a **free tool which allows contractors** to add or edit their WHS, QA, Environmental and insurance details as well as description of services they provide.

Please note that the "Vault Contractor" system is for managing insurance, WHS and other systems and does not guarantee or imply that contractors will be selected to conduct work. Councils procurement and other policies still apply.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES - COUNCIL TENDERS

All Council tenders are available on the Tenderlink Website. In order for businesses to view and apply for tenders, quotes and EOI's businesses are required to register. Narromine Shire Council use this portal to advertise tenders, quotes, EOI and other purchasing requirements to the market and to manage the procurement process through to contract award stage. We welcome current and potential suppliers of goods and services to register on this portal. There is no charge for registration. To register, click the link below and select the Registration Tab
<https://www.tenderlink.com/narromine/>

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. This week slashing will be underway at the following locations Tomingley and Tomingley West Roads, Trangie/ Collie and Weemabah Roads. Please be mindful of slashers when driving on local roads.

PUBLIC EXHIBITION – DRAFT POLICY

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 8 February 2023 determined to place the following documents on public exhibition for comment – Draft Water & Sewer, Draft Water Service Connections & Backflow Prevention Policy and Draft Water Usage Charges for Concealed Leakage Policy. Written submissions on these documents can be addressed to The General Manager PO BOX 115, NARROMINE NSW 2821 or via email mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au or submitted through the feedback on Council's website at: www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/public-exhibition

Closing date for comments is 5.00 pm Wednesday 15 March 2023

NARROMINE SPORTS AND FITNESS CENTRE

Narromine **Zumba Fitness classes** commence Wednesday 22 February 2023 at 5.30 pm at Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre, cost is \$10 per person, all adults are welcome.

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.

SERVICE NSW MOBILE SERVICE CENTRES

Service NSW Mobile Centres will again be visiting Narromine Shire during 2023. The Mobile Service Centre will be located at Trangie Library at 36 Dandaloo Street, **Trangie** from 9.30 am until 3.00 pm on **Thursday 2 March 2023**.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP – COUNCIL'S ANIMAL SHELTER

All pet owners are reminded that Narromine Shire Council's animal shelter does not have set opening hours therefore, to access the Animal Shelter please call Council on 02 6889 9999 to organise a suitable time. The Animal Shelter is under 24hr recorded video surveillance. To arrange the release of an impounded animal from the Narromine Animal Shelter you will need to make an appointment with a Ranger on 02 6889 9999. Please note that Council does not release companion animals after hours.

Please note that all impounded animals must be microchipped and registered before being released from the pound. You will need to provide suitable personal identification such as a driver's licence, and any other appropriate documentation for your animal e.g. sterilisation certificate or microchipping form.

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

BUSHFIRE INFORMATION REMINDER

With the significant increase in vegetation growth 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

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH COUNCIL – JOIN OUR 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

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