

## COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held Wednesday, 11 November, at Council's Chambers, commencing at 5.30 pm. Following the lifting of the COVID-19 Restrictions, Council has resumed meeting in the Chambers with a maximum of four (4) members of the public in attendance. The meetings will no longer be live streamed, however an audio recording will be uploaded the following day.

### NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL 2019/2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Council will be presenting its audited 2019/2020 financial statements at its Ordinary Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 11 November 2020. For more information contact Council on 6889 9999.

**General Purpose Financial Statements** For the year ended 30 June 2020.

**Public notice – Presentation of financial statements** as per Section 418 (3) of the Local Government Act.

In accordance with Section 418 (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW), Narromine Shire Council advises that the ordinary Council meeting to be held on 11/11/2020 will include the presentation of the audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports for the year ending 30/06/2020.

A summary of the Financial Statements is provided below

	2020 \$ '000	2019 \$ '000
<b>Income Statement</b>		
Total income from continuing operations	24,746	24,494
Total expenses from continuing operations	20,199	20,839
<b>Operating result from continuing operations</b>	<b>4,417</b>	<b>3,655</b>
<b>Net operating result for the year</b>	<b>4,417</b>	<b>3,655</b>
<b>Net operating result before grants and contributions provided for capital purposes</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>		
Total current assets	28,229	27,097
Total current liabilities	(6,584)	(3,751)
Total non-current assets	313,544	309,811
Total non-current liabilities	(6,749)	(3,052)
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>328,440</b>	<b>330,105</b>
<b>Other financial information</b>		
Unrestricted current ratio (times)	2.86	4.97
Operating performance ratio (%)	2.28%	0.94%
Debt service cover ratio (times)	10.16	12.89
Rates and annual charges outstanding ratio (%)	8.71%	10.27%
Infrastructure renewals ratio (%)	153.11%	190.39%
Own source operating revenue ratio (%)	51.97%	54.34%
Cash expense cover ratio (months)	8.23	15.34

In accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*, any person may make a submission in writing to Council with respect to the Council's Audited Financial Statements or the Auditor's Reports.

Copies of the Audited Financial Statements and the Auditor's Reports may be inspected at:

**Internet:** [www.narromine.nsw.gov.au](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au)

**Locations:** 124 Dandaloo Street  
Narromine NSW 2821

Submissions close one week after the above public meeting has been held.

## **PLANNING MATTERS – LOCAL ENVIRONMENT PLANS (LEP) HEALTH CHECK**

Have your say! Council is exploring potential improvements with the LEP and we are encouraging residents to correspond with Council with any planning and land zoning matters that may be relevant to the Health Check by **1 December 2020**.

The Health Check compares the adopted planning priorities with the LEP to ensure that the aims align. Council's LEP review can provide local economic, social and environmental context that will help identify the priorities for investigation needed to inform a future planning proposal process to make any amendments. If you wish to discuss planning matters further you are encouraged to make a written submission and contact Council's Manager Planning.

## **LEVEL 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS IN NARROMINE REGION**

**Level 1 Water Restrictions** have been implemented in the **Narromine Shire** including Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley until further notice. Clause 137 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 allows for restrictions to be imposed if Council deems it necessary. Water restrictions apply to all water users in Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley, including residents, visitors and businesses who receive water from Council's pressurised reticulation network.

## **NARROMINE SHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION**

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the NSW Government postponed the 2020 Local Government elections for 12 months. The next Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday 4 September 2021.

For more information visit the links below;

- NSW Electoral Commission - [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au)
- Office of Local Government - [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au)

The NSW Government is committed to increasing female representation on local councils. Currently women only represent 31% of councillors serving on 128 local councils across the State.

## **NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL ALCOHOL FREE ZONES**

Narromine Shire Council resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 September 2020 to renew the existing Alcohol-Free Zones within the Narromine Shire Local Government Area for a further period of four (4) years, effective 8 November 2020 to 7 November 2024.

Please contact Council's Manager of Health Building and Environmental Services Department on 6889 9999 if you require any further information.

## **PUBLIC EXHIBITION - DRAFT DEVELOPMENT SERVICING PLAN FOR WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE**

Narromine Sire Council resolved at its Ordinary Council meeting held 9 September 2020 to place the Draft Development Servicing Plan for Water Supply and Sewage on Public Exhibition for a minimum of 30 days. Copies of the document can be downloaded from Council's website.

A Development Servicing Plan (DSP) details the water supply, sewerage and/or stormwater developer charges to be levied on development areas utilising a water utility's water supply, sewerage and/or stormwater infrastructure.

Written submissions on the draft plan can be addressed to the General Manager, PO Box 115 Narromine, NSW, 2821, emailed to [mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au) or be submitted through the feedback form on Council's website. Closing date for submissions is Monday 5.00 pm 9 November 2020.  
[www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/public-exhibition](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/public-exhibition)

### **PUBLIC EXHIBITION – DRAFT OVERGROWN & UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY POLICY 2020**

Narromine Sire Council resolved at its Ordinary Council meeting held 14 October 2020 to place the Draft Overgrown & Unsightly Property Policy 2020 on Public Exhibition for a minimum of 30 days. Copies of the document can be downloaded from Council's website.

The aim of this policy is to meet the community's expectations and how Council will respond to customer requests in relation to overgrown and untidy premises in the Narromine Shire Council Local Government area.

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### **CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS**

Council is calling for businesses to join the new business to business communication tool – **Localised**. Localised is an online business directory and network website that helps businesses across our Region to find local providers of goods and services and to share business tips, events and advice with each other. **The platform is free for businesses to use.** Localised gives businesses the opportunity to have a digital presence which can increase exposure and assist with business promotion. Sign up now <https://narromineregionbusiness.localised.com.au/>

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**General Manager**