



## COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13 October 2021**. Due to current **COVID-19 Public Health Orders** the meeting will be held via livestream commencing **at 5.30 pm** please visit the link: <https://youtu.be/g0fPvMXFEu>

**Special application** will be required for any members of the public who wish to address Council in public forum commencing at 5.00 pm. Please complete the application form available on <https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/council-meetings> which **must be submitted to Council by 12 pm** on the day prior to the Council Meeting.

### MAGPIE SEASON IN THE NARROMINE REGION

Residents are reminded that it is peak magpie breeding season and magpies are actively protecting their nests over the next few months. Please be aware that magpies will swoop walkers, runners and bike riders. Magpies are very active at the Narromine Cemetery – please enter with caution.

Magpies are a native species to the Narromine Region and are a protected species throughout NSW. Large fines and jail terms apply to offenders who kill, harm or capture the birds. Problems experienced with swooping magpies may be reported to WIRES (13 000 WIRES or 1300 094737) or to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (02 9585 6333). Little can be done to prevent the swooping behaviour of Magpies. For more information visit <https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/magpie-advice>

### STAY AT HOME ORDERS APPLY TO NARROMINE LGA

As of 7.00 pm Wednesday 11 August 2021 **Stay At Home** orders apply to people who live in or are temporarily staying in the **Narromine Shire Council** Local Government Area (LGA) or have been there on or after 5 August 2021 (the Narromine LGA is inclusive of Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley).

What the **Stay At Home** orders mean to all residents - People must only leave home for essential reasons:

- locally (within your local government area (LGA) or, if outside of your LGA, within 5km of your home from 12:01am Monday 16 August). You may travel beyond this area if the goods or services are not reasonably available locally
- only one person per household may leave home to shop each day, and browsing in shops is not allowed
- seeking medical care (including COVID-19 testing or getting vaccinated), for an emergency or a compassionate need
- exercising outdoors with one other person within 5km of home or LGA
- essential work or education, where you cannot work or study from home

When leaving home for essential reasons, anyone over 18 years of age must carry

photo identification with evidence of their home address, such as a NSW Photo Card or Drivers Licence, and produce it to a police officer on request.

In addition:

- Face masks are compulsory in all indoor non-residential premises, public transport and **all outdoor settings**
- Visitors to households is not permitted unless you need care (including personal care)
- If you are 16 years and over, get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Remember, it is vital for anyone showing any symptoms, or those who are a close or casual contact of someone who has tested positive to COVID-19, to get tested immediately, stay home and follow the health advice.

Further information about restrictions can be found by visiting the following website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/affected-regions>

For further health advice please visit the following website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Remember in the case of an emergency **call Triple Zero (000)** immediately.

### **SUPPORT DURING COVID – 19 INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESS**

The following information and support is available for individuals and businesses that are impacted as a result of current Public Health Orders and restrictions:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/.../getting-help...> or call 1800 22 66

Support for businesses is available by calling 13 77 88 or go to the website:

<https://mybusiness.service.nsw.gov.au/concierge...> and arrange a call-back

The "test and isolate" payment of \$320 is now available to residents in the Narromine region for further information visit: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-test-and-isolate-support-payment>

There are many services available for individuals that are struggling mentally - support can be obtained from the following:

Lifeline – 13 11 14

BeyondBlue – 1800 51 23 48

Domestic Violence Line – 1800 65 64 63

1800 RESPECT – 1800 73 77 32

Suicide Callback Service – 1300 65 94 67

In an emergency call Triple Zero (000)

### **NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

To align with the NSW Government's Stay at Home Orders and to protect Council staff a number of Council businesses and services are closed or operating under various restrictions until further notice.

Closures include Narromine Shire Council Chambers, Customer Service and Payments Centre, Narromine Aviation Museum and Visitor Information Centre, Narromine Library, Trangie Library and Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre. Residents are still able to contact Council on 6889 9999 between business hours 8.30 am to 5.00 pm. The following **Council essential services** such as water, sewer, roads, ranger (emergency work), waste

and amenities cleaning continue to operate effectively.

Replacement green bin liners are available out the front of Council's Customer Service & Payments Centre Office. Alternately please call 02 6889 9999 and Council's Customer Service staff can arrange for delivery by JR Richards. Payment of accounts can be made over the telephone, internet, Australia Post agencies or by contacting your financial institution. All other Council enquiries or requests for service can be made by phoning Council's on 02 6889 9999 or by email to [mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au).

### **COVID -19 TESTING CLINICS IN NARROMINE AND TRANGIE**

Council advises residents that **NSW Health** is conducting a drive-through COVID-19 testing clinic at Narromine Showground from 9.30 am through to 2.30 pm each day. On Thursday 16 September 2021, Narromine's drive through testing clinic will be re-located to the Narromine Hospital (one day only) due to a scheduled race meeting to be held at Narromine racecourse.

Due to fragments of COVID – 19 found in Trangie's town sewerage a drive through COVID – 19 testing clinic will be open at Trangie MPS on Thursday 16 September 2021 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. Alternatively call Trangie MPS on 5881 9200 to book an appointment for a test.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/DONATIONS CLOSING DATE IS 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Council is currently calling for any requests for donations, sponsorship and the waiver of Council fees and charges for 2021/2022 year from Narromine Shire Council community groups and organisations.

The eligibility criteria and application form is contained within **Donations, Sponsorships & Waiver of Fees & Charges Policy** which is found on Council's website [www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/grants](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/grants).

**All applications for funding must be submitted on this form**, completed in full and include all relevant attachments as requested. Hard copy application forms can be obtained by phoning Council on 6889 9999. The **closing date** for all Donations/Sponsorship and Waiver of Fees is **5.00 pm Thursday 30 September 2021**. Applications can either be emailed to [mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au) or posted to the General Manager, Narromine Shire Council, PO Box 115, Narromine NSW 2821. For any queries, please contact Council's Customer Service and Payments Centre on 6889 9999.

### **BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER**

Pet owners are reminded to microchip and register their dog or cat and ensure that their contact details are up to date. Any person wishing to register a cat or dog can do so by phoning Council on 6889 9999. All impounded animals must be microchipped and registered before being released from Council's pound.

Please remember as a pet owner, it is the owner's responsibility to ensure all pets are healthy, safe, well cared for and do not create a nuisance in the neighbourhood. Council operates a leash free area for dogs at the eastern end of Rotary Park on Culling Street Narromine.

A reminder that all people in charge of a dog must take all reasonable precautions to

prevent dogs from escaping the property it is being housed in. Cat owners are always encouraged to keep a cat indoors at night to help reduce the number of native wildlife that are injured and/or killed and for other benefits such as cat fighting. For further information about the Council's Animal Shelter and Ranger Information please refer to Council's website: <http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/narromine-animal-shelter...>

### **CLOSED ROADS AND ROAD SAFETY REMINDER**

Narromine Shire Council wishes to advise that the following roads will remain **CLOSED to ALL VEHICLES** - Gainsborough Road (between Tomingley Road and McGrane Way) – access to Narromine Waste Depot is not affected, Merrinong Road (between Pineview Road and EwenmarRoad), McLeod's Lane, Pineview Road, Tyrie North Road, Belowrie Road and Momo Road.

All motorists are reminded not to drive through floodwaters and proceed with caution on all other roads. Council reminds all motorists to check Council's website, social media and LiveTraffic app or call 132 701 for information on local roads and traffic. If your life is at risk, call Triple Zero (000) immediately. For SES assistance phone 132 500.

Please note, major roads come under the jurisdiction of Roads and Maritime Services. Please visit [www.livetraffic.com](http://www.livetraffic.com) for live updates, traveller information and personalised alerts for NSW roads. Council reminds all motorists to **be alert on roads and at rail level crossings** as grain locomotives continue to use rail lines. Remember to plan ahead, slow down and allow plenty of time to get to your destination safely.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS POSTPONED UNTIL 4 DECEMBER 2021**

Council advises that NSW Government has postponed the NSW Local Government Elections that were to be held on 4 September 2021 until **Saturday, 4 December 2021**, due to the escalating COVID-19 situation. The current Narromine Shire Councillors will continue to hold their civic offices until this time. Electoral rolls will now close on **25 October, 2021** with candidate nominations closing on **3 November, 2021**. For more information visit [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au)

### **NSW ELECTORAL COMMISSION – ONLINE SEMINARS FOR CANDIDATES**

NSW Electoral Commission has conducted a range of online Candidate seminars. This is your chance to understand some of what is required as a prospective candidate for the upcoming Local Government elections. Find out more here: <https://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/Elections/Local-government-elections/Local-Government-Elections-2021/Six-steps-to-being-a-candidate>

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