



COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 1 December 2021

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8 December 2021** at Council Chambers commencing at 5.30 pm. The meetings will no longer be live streamed; however, an audio recording will be uploaded the following day.

DECLARATION OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION – NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL

The Returning Officer for the 2021 Narromine Shire Council Local Government Election has advised that at the close of nominations on 4 November 2021, there were no greater number of candidates as there were positions available in respect of the Narromine Shire. Therefore, no local government election will be held on 4 December 2021 for Narromine Local Government area.

NOTIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS (DAs)

Council has received the following Development Application, you are invited to inspect the details of the application at <https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/council/public-exhibition>. **DA NO: 2021/91**, Development: **Excavation, Demolition, Removal and Remediation** works of a service station property: 76 Narromine Street, Trangie LOT 101, DP 832919

All submissions must be addressed to the General Manager, Narromine Shire Council within the notification period, submissions can be made online via the NSW Planning Portal visit planning.nsw.gov.au

Further details of these proposal and previously advertised proposals are available at Council's Customer Service Centre, 118-120 Dandaloo Street, Narromine. All queries please contact **Emma Yule, Manager Planning** on (02) 6889 9999.

ENVIRONMENT ZONES ARE BEING RENAMED CONSERVATION ZONES

The NSW Government is renaming the Environment Zones. They will now be referred to as Conservation Zones under s2.1 Land use zones within the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006 (the Order). This change is occurring across all standardised local environmental plans that are in place across New South Wales.

As of 1 December 2021, a reference to an Environment Protection zone E1, E2, E3 or E4 in a document should be taken to be a reference to a Conservation zone C1, C2, C3 or C4.

Current name	New name
Zone E1 – National Parks and Nature Reserves	Zone C1 – National Parks and Nature Reserves
Zone E2 – Environmental Conservation	Zone C2 – Environmental Conservation
Zone E3 – Environmental Management	Zone C3 – Environmental Management
Zone E4 – Environmental Living	Zone C4 – Environmental Living

Narromine Local Environmental Plan 2011 currently has land zoned E1, E2 and E3 which will be renamed. Narromine Shire Council will over the next few months update plans, forms and documents to reflect these new names. For further information please see <https://bit.ly/3xEgwLs>

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS - NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Council is reminding all residents to acknowledge the wonderful contributions that individuals and groups make to the wider community. **2022 Australia Day Awards are open and nomination forms are available from Council's website** <https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/australia-day-awards>

Nominations will close on **Friday 7 January 2022** – categories for nomination include:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Sports Award
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Junior Sports Award
- Community Event of the Year
- Children's Champion Award

Planning is currently underway for Australia Day 2022 in the Narromine Shire. Council will announce information in respect to the events held to celebrate Australia Day in the near future.

SWIMMING SEASON

Narromine and Trangie Aquatic Centres are open and joint pool season tickets (for use at both facilities) can be purchased at the aquatic centre venues only. More information about pool season tickets and opening times can be found on Council's website at <https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/public-pools>

Pool operating hours will be extended at both Narromine and Trangie from 17 December 2021.

Narromine: Monday – Friday 6:00am – 8:00am and 11:00am – 7:00pm
Saturday – Sunday 10:00am – 6:00pm

Trangie: Monday – Friday 6:00am - 8:00am and 1:00pm – 7:00pm
Saturday – Sunday 10:00am – 6:00pm

To stay up to date with current information regarding the pools, visit the social media pages of **Narromine Aquatic Centre** and **Trangie Aquatic Centre**.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS - JANUARY 2022

Narromine Shire Council will be conducting a number of free affordable sport and recreational programs in Narromine and Trangie over the January 2022 school holidays. **Clinics include Tennis, Cricket, Basketball, Soccer and Skateboarding, AFL and NRL** along with a number of open days at the Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre. All children aged 8 years to 17 years are invited to participate. To register interest in the upcoming programs please visit <https://bit.ly/3oQWyJC>

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT FROM LANDHOLDERS IN THE NARROMINE REGION

Narromine Shire Council together with Landcare NSW and Central West Local Land Services is seeking **Expressions of Interest** from landholders located in the Narromine Shire who currently have dung beetles on their property to host a **Dung Beetle identification, capture and propagation Field Day** in February 2022.

The Field Day will also involve an information session in respect to opportunities with soil carbon projects. Interested landholders are requested to contact Narromine Shire Council's Local Landcare Co-ordinator, Craig Bennett by either calling 0457 092 963 or via email cbennett@narromine.nsw.gov.au Expressions of Interest will close 3 December 2021.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR LANDHOLDERS

The Environment Restoration Fund is currently available and can provide funding to undertake activities that will protect, enhance, rehabilitate, recover and/or restore priority species and their habitats. Applications will close on 13 December 2021 for further information please visit <https://bit.ly/303NOaN> All inquiries may be directed to Craig Bennett Narromine Shire **Council's Local Landcare Co-ordinator** cbennett@narromine.nsw.gov.au or phone 0457 092 963 during normal Council business hours Monday to Friday.

WATER METER READINGS

Residents of Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley are advised that Council will be conducting water meter readings from **29 November to 3 December 2021**. 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.

COVID -19 TESTING CLINICS IN NARROMINE AND TRANGIE

Council advises residents that **NSW Health** is conducting a drive-through COVID-19 testing clinic daily at Narromine Hospital from 9.30 am through to 2.30 pm. NSW Health runs a testing clinic at Trangie's MPS, please call 5881 9200 to secure an appointment.

ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS OVER HARVEST

Over harvest, all roads users are reminded to be cautious:

- Heavy vehicles may move slowly, take care and be patient.
- Don't try and overtake until it is safe.
- If you see a pilot vehicle, it means an oversize vehicle is approaching. Prepare to slow down and change your lane position. Oversize vehicles need additional room.
- Oversize vehicles have blind spots and may not see you. Take extra care.
- Heavy vehicles may have trailers attached and can be longer than expected. Take care when changing lanes.
- If you can, share the driving to prevent fatigue crashes.

CLOSED ROADS

The following road will remain **CLOSED to ALL VEHICLES** - Gainsborough Road (between Tomingley Road and McGrane Way) access via Gainsborough Road to the Narromine Waste Depot remains open.

FLOOD WATER and ROAD SAFETY

All motorists are reminded **not to drive through floodwaters**. 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.

All motorists are reminded to proceed with caution on **all 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**.

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