



COUNCIL COLUMN – WEDNESDAY 8 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.

LOCALISED – PROMOTION OF NARROMINE REGION BUSINESSES

Council is determined to help local businesses digitally connect and has partnered with 'Localised' to create a local business network. Narromine Region Business is a local business network to promote and support business activity across the Narromine region. **A connected business community** will build resilience and put your business in front of more local businesses. You can get started today. To join the Narromine Region Business platform, visit <https://narromineregionbusiness.localised.com.au/>

ROAD CLOSURES, FLOOD WATER and ROAD SAFETY

Council reminds all motorists to visit Council's website, social media and LiveTraffic app or call 132 701 for information on local roads and traffic. 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. Motorists are reminded to proceed with caution on **all roads**.

ENVIRONMENT ZONES ARE TO BE 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.

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>

COUNCIL CLOSURE OVER CHRISTMAS PERIOD

Please be advised that Council Depot, Council Chambers, and Customer Service and Payments Centre will be closed from **5pm Tuesday 21 December 2021** and will reopen at **8.30am Wednesday 5 January 2022**.

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. Council continues to provide essential services to ensure the health and safety of the community including kerbside garbage collection, CBD cleaning and cleaning of public facilities such as toilets, BBQs.

Council will still provide appropriate on-call officers to respond to urgent maintenance work or emergency situations.

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 now open and nomination forms are available from Council's website**

<https://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/australia-day-awards>

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS - JANUARY 2022

Narromine Shire Council will be conducting a number of free and affordable sport and recreational programs in Narromine and Trangie over the January 2022 school holidays. Clinics include AFL, NRL, Tennis, Cricket, Basketball, Soccer and Skateboarding, 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>

DISPOSE OF UNWANTED OR OBSOLETE AGVET CHEMICALS – REGISTER NOW

Agsafe's ChemClear program will be holding a collection throughout NSW in March 2022. Agvet chemical users can now register unwanted or obsolete agvet chemicals for collection in Narromine, registrations will close on **28 January 2022**. To register your chemicals, please visit: www.chemclear.org.au/register-your-chemical or further information please contact ChemClear on: 1800 008 182

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY DUNDAS PARK PLAYGROUND

Narromine Shire Council welcomes your feedback on the new playground at Dundas Park, to complete the survey please visit: bit.ly/3lucjok

COVID-19 DRIVE THROUGH TESTING CLINIC

Narromine Health Service conducts a drive-through COVID-19 testing clinic daily at Narromine Hospital from 9.30 am through to 2.30 pm. Testing is also available at Trangie's MPS, please call 5881 9200 to secure an appointment.

The Narromine Health Service **drive-through COVID-19 testing clinic** will not be available from 25 December 2021 to 9 January 2022. COVID-19 testing will be available at Narromine Hospital Emergency Department Monday – Friday from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm during this time. Please call 6889 9611 to make 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.

MOSQUITOES ARE A HEALTH HAZARD

Recent flooding has generated high levels of mosquito populations. Mosquitoes have the potential to transmit viruses such as Ross River and Barmah Forest. Helpful information is available from NSW Health, visit: bit.ly/3DrS9BZ

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