

Message from the Mayor



It really is a great pleasure to be able to update the residents of the Narromine Shire again through this Mayoral message.

So much is happening across the Shire with Council staff

bringing about many improvements to our facilities.

One area that has been a focal point particularly for our elderly friends is the upcoming changes to how medical services can be provided at the Narromine Hospital. Following meetings with the Health Department we are informed of the virtual services about to commence. This service is the latest technology and is a great opportunity for local residents to be connected to specialists and GP's that do not reside in Narromine.

An open day at Narromine Hospital is planned for the near future and notification will be extensive across the Shire. It will be open to all residents to come and see how this new technology will help keep you healthy and connected.

The Australia Day celebrations in Narromine and Trangie were again a huge success and it is a wonderful privilege for me to be able to announce the winners of the NSW Local Citizen of the Year Awards at these functions. Citizen of the year in Narromine was a very worthy Jan Colmer who has been a wonderful volunteer for many years and has thrown herself into so many

roles. Anne Holden in Trangie has been at the forefront of much of the activities in Trangie also for many years and I was delighted to announce her as Trangie's Citizen of the Year. They say behind every good woman stands a good man and this was never more true than this year with Dean Colmer and Andy Holden being the wonderful supports behind these two very capable and generous ladies.

It was also my great pleasure to have been able to officiate at the Citizenship Ceremony to naturalise five new Australians in Narromine and I wish them all the joys that citizenship brings.

Much development is happening across the Shire with our December meeting approving developments that will unleash \$50 million worth of mainly private equity building over the next few years which is unprecedented in the Shire. We have the Dappo Road developments both for Timbreebongie House alongside Council developing 16 large size, flood-free residential blocks. The aerodrome is finally seeing the next phase of Skypark opening up as well as 22 commercial blocks along the Mitchell highway being made available for aviation related industries in the Narromine Aviation Business Park. There is good interest in all these developments which bodes well for the future of the Shire.

Both Narromine and Trangie have had major upgrades to the Aquatic Centres and the results are stunning and these are just the start to a number of improvements to town facilities that will become obvious across the next few months in the Shire.



Don't forget DOLLY. April 17-18th sees the first of Narromine's Dolly Festival which will spill over into Trangie and Tomingley with numerous events being held across the Shire with the culmination being a major music event at the Narromine Aerodrome on the Saturday evening. Event details can be found on www.dollyfestival.com.

It promises to be an incredible weekend with big wigs and I'm sure lots of Dolly style fashions. Accommodation is booking fast, however 'tent town' camping opportunities are now available from www.123tix.com. Bus shuttles will be available from Trangie and Dubbo on Saturday.

Invite your friends and family to a weekend they won't forget.

I look forward to our next report where I hope to have some more very exciting development news to share. A huge thanks to our staff who I can't praise enough for their dedication and devotion to their work. Also thanks to my fellow Councillors for their guidance and support in making this a wonderful part of the world in which to live.

Cr Craig Davies,
Mayor Narromine Shire Council

SAVE THE DATE : **DOLLY FESTIVAL - 17 & 18 APRIL 2020**

Tip Tokens



Residents are reminded to use their 2019/2020 tip tokens you received in August. The tokens are valid until June 2020. Tokens are not transferable, cannot be used for cash and are not refundable.

The tokens can be used to dispose of general waste loads for free at Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley Waste Facilities.

Please note, all waste must be sorted, otherwise the usual fees will be charged.

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Seniors Programs



Sport and Recreation programs for seniors is in full swing at the Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre and Narromine Aquatic Centre. All programs encourage participants to 'Get Active and Stay Moving'. Although aimed at seniors, adults of varying fitness levels are encouraged to participate and stay active.

What's currently on offer?

- Get Active, Stay Moving

- Healthy Lifestyles Community Exercise
- Health Lifestyles Aqua Aerobics (at Narromine Aquatic Centre)
- Narromine Wetlands Parkrun

Seniors Gym Membership Prices:

- 6 month membership – \$143.50 as at 1 July 2019
- 12 month membership – \$287.00 as at 1 July 2019

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Public Forums – Council Meetings

Council's Ordinary Meeting agenda allows for members of the community to address matters of concern which are before Council for a decision. This is a communication forum held prior to commencement of the Meeting and can assist Council in its decision making process. Speakers wishing to address Council will need to complete a form and submit this by 12 noon on the day prior to the Council Meeting.

For more information, please see our Code of Meeting Practice available on www.narromine.nsw.gov.au or contact us on 6889 9999.

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Council's Local Landcare Coordinator

In 2019, Council employed a Local Landcare Coordinator to support the local Landcare groups in the Region and promoting community, agricultural and environmental awareness. Projects include;

- Promoting drought support programs run by Local Land Services, Team Rubicon Australia and Landcare.
- Forming an Apiary Club in the Region to connect amateur beekeepers with experts and promote the importance of pollinators in the environment.
- Commencing a program that encourages pest management on properties to take advantage of the

harsh drought conditions and eliminate pests such as foxes and wild cats.

- Encourage and promote field days and workshops to increase knowledge on issues affecting the region.
- Working with local Landcare groups to commence a subsidy program to increase vegetation on farming properties and increase erosion control methods, encourage island connectivity and strengthen biodiversity.



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Water Restrictions information



Should you have any issues or queries, please do not hesitate to contact Council on 6889 9999 or [email](#).



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**HOW THE
WATER
RESTRICTIONS
AFFECT YOU**

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With ongoing dry conditions, and an increase in water consumption Narromine Shire residents are being urged to be water conscious and to be aware of the current restrictions in place.

Water Restrictions have been in place in the Narromine Shire since early 2018 and with the ongoing drought conditions and warmer weather, Council bores are unable to recover sufficiently and therefore cannot sustain the current demands placed on the drinking water system.

Narromine residents are on level 3 water restrictions with Trangie and Tomingley on level 2 water restrictions.

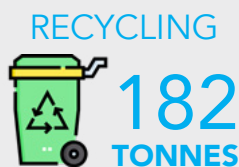
As Council continues to monitor water usage in the Shire, it has been identified that a large portion of our water usage can be contributed to watering gardens, evaporative air conditioners, up-keep of pools and leaking taps. Our data further shows that people are not adhering to permitted watering times and are attempting to water their gardens in the cover of darkness.

Council urges the community to keep an eye on water consumption under the current restrictions. Council staff will be monitoring compliance with the restriction activities. Failure to comply with restriction activities can result in on the spot fines of \$220.00, under the Local Government Act 1993 No 30 (Sections 679, 637).

[read more >](#)

FOGO waste collection

JULY – DEC 2019



212 tonnes of FOGO Waste was collected within the Narromine Shire for July – Dec 2019, with 182 tonnes of Recycling being collected in the same period.

Council wishes to remind the community that the green bin is for any kind of food scraps (meat, fruit, vegetables) garden waste (lawn clippings, pruning's) and even shredded paper, paper towel, serviettes and old pizza boxes.

Council also provides the green compostable liners free of charge to residents. If you require replacement liners please contact Council on 6889 9999.

Heritage Funding



Council has again been able to secure Local Heritage Assistance Grant Funding through the Office of Environment & Heritage until June 2020.

The aim of the grant program is to provide assistance to owners and managers of recognised heritage items or buildings for the following:

- Conservation and maintenance works, and;
- Building Code of Australia upgrades

The project is also aimed towards works that will improve streetscapes and building aesthetics.

The grants are on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to a maximum of \$1,500 contribution from Council.

Should you be interested in making an application for funding, please contact Council's Planning Department on 6889 9999 for further information.

Community Satisfaction Survey

Council wants to know what you think. Council will be running an online Community Satisfaction Survey in April this year.

The last one was run in April 2018 and provided valuable feedback on Council's performance across a number of areas.

This feedback was used in our operations and long term planning

and so we encourage everyone to have a say again.

The survey is anonymous and designed to give Council a better understanding of how residents feel about our service delivery and to identify possible areas for improvement.

We intend to have the online survey available the first week in April and

will be providing more information and a link to the survey when it is up and ready.



What's on in our region?

Dolly FESTIVAL

17 & 18 APRIL 2020

Dolly Parton Festival

Narromine's Dolly Festival is set to be the event of 2020! A jam packed program for April 2020 includes live music, street parade, family-friendly events and so much more! Dress as Dolly, or Kenny, come with a group of friends or pack the kids up for a weekend away.



20 – 24 APRIL 2020

Youth Week

Youth Week is an opportunity for young people to express their ideas and views, act on issues that affect their lives, and create and enjoy activities and events. Follow Council's facebook page to find out what's on this year.



8 – 10 OCTOBER 2020

Ausfly

AusFly is a relaxed, traditional Aussie fly-in event where aircraft owners, pilots, builders, industry supporters and enthusiasts come along and soak up the true spirit of Australian general aviation.

There will be aircraft static and flying displays, educational sessions and industry exhibitors.

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