

Message from the Mayor



And still the rain keeps coming. Most of us have now experienced around the 500mm mark for the year to date with more forecast. It is an incredible turnaround from the past three years and so very welcome. Crops looking brilliant and gardens waiting for the warmth to blossom.

Tip tokens are on the way for property owners and if you haven't received yours it will be in the mail. Two tokens per household to be used during the financial year... and remember your rubbish needs to be sorted!!

Council's developments at both Skypark and the newly established Narromine Aviation Business Park have blocks available for sale. These represent wonderful value and with the likes of the recently announced AMSL taking up residence shortly at the Business Park the blocks will become very sought after. Three blocks at Skypark also have had holding deposits taken.

Council has been the recipient of significant grants over the recent past and these will allow upgrades to many of our facilities. Some of the highlights include over \$1.3M being spent on Cale oval that will see a new clubhouse being built along with a spectator hill. There will be a new fence as well as a fence for the netball car park. This will be a wonderful upgrade to our premier football facility and see the oval looking its very best for decades to come.

Trangie will have new trees planted at the cemetery main drive to replace the existing trees which are now disturbing graves and need removing. Having spoken to numerous groups around town the consensus is to get on with the job before real damage is done and we can take advantage of the existing moisture for new growth. Trangie will also benefit from a drainage plan being followed up to remove water left after our recent rainfall events. This has been a long time coming and will be appreciated by all those affected from living on a very flat landscape.

Council is now providing the residents of Trangie the opportunity to meet with staff monthly at the canteen to discuss any issues they may have. Residents are encouraged to speak with the staff and present any items of concern or indeed ideas for better service.

Annual pet permits are now required for non-desexed cats and all pet owners across the Shire are to have their pets registered and microchipped. Should they ever become lost it always offers the

best chance for them to be reunited with family.

Great news for Trangie following recent tragedies is the proposed re-establishment of the Volunteer Ambulance service. We are seeking volunteers to come along to an information evening and see if this is for you. We have about ten hardy souls prepared to offer our community their time and dedication to help the welfare of our citizens. For more information or to register your interest email:

trangievolunteerambo@outlook.com

Lastly a special plea. With all the wet weather we are enjoying, Council is seeing significant damage being done to our dirt roads. It's in everyone's interest if road users, where possible, avoid using these roads when they are wet. We have a limited budget that simply won't go around if we need to continue to regrade roads. If you are aware of rain coming then try to time your trips prior to the rain and give them time to dry out. I know this is not always possible and people have to get to work and go about their business. But please be mindful of the situation to help us help you. Thank you.

Let's hope the next few months bring about conditions that allow a bountiful harvest, blooming gardens and happy faces right across the Shire.

Cr Craig Davies,
Mayor Narromine Shire Council

Tip Tokens

All rate paying residents should have received their tip tokens recently. The tip 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. Tokens are not transferable, cannot be used for cash and are not refundable. Opening hours of the waste facilities can be found here www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/waste-management

The token system entitles the owner of a residential property within the Narromine Shire area to two (2) waste disposal tokens. Tokens are issued once per year. Landlords and property managers are encouraged to pass tokens on to their tenants.

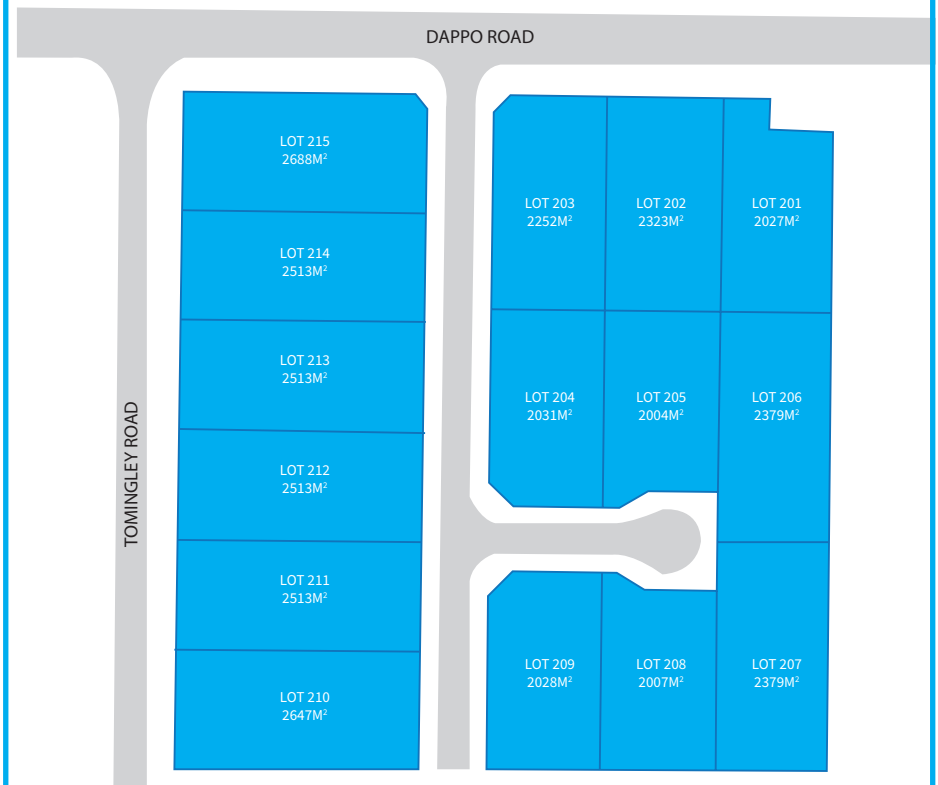


Dappo Road Residential Estate Coming Soon

Narromine Shire Council will be commencing the Dappo Road Residential Estate at the end of the year. The development will include 16 large lot residential blocks. The large lots will assist in providing necessary development opportunities within the Shire.

For more information visit:

narromine.nsw.gov.au/business/dapporoaddevelopment



Council Appealing to Residents During Wet Weather Events

Residents are reminded that following wet weather events some unsealed roads in the Shire could be closed to all traffic. If Council is required to close roads due to wet weather, the roads would remain closed until further notice, usually until drier conditions prevail. School buses, emergency and Council maintenance vehicles are exempt while roads are formally closed.

Following the recent rainfall, a significant portion of the Shire's unsealed road network (772km) needs some maintenance. With more rain forecast, Council is appealing

to drivers to assist, where possible, in preventing damage to unsealed roads by choosing alternative routes or waiting until drier conditions prevail. Where it is necessary that residents undertake essential travel on the closed roads, they are encouraged to drive to the conditions with many of the unsealed roads impassable or temporarily closed when wet, as Council cannot accept responsibility for any damages that may arise during these periods.

Road condition reports are posted on Council's website ([www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/road-](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/road-conditions)

[conditions](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/residents/road-conditions)), facebook page and via radio broadcast.

Council's Roads Maintenance Schedule identifies that road maintenance and repairs are primarily based on the primary use (i.e school bus route), the condition and the overall safety of the road, with roads carrying a higher volume of traffic being addressed first.

Residents are encouraged to report hazards to Council as safety remains a priority on local roads. Feedback can be provided through Council's website or by phoning 6889 9999.

Monthly Community Consultation in Trangie

From July 2020, Council has commenced Community Consultation Sessions in Trangie on the 3rd Wednesday of every month until November. The Community Consultation sessions are being held in the Kiosk, out the front of the library from 9am - 1pm and are a great way for the community to meet Council employees and to discuss any arising issues. Community Consultation will take place on the follow dates unless otherwise advised.

- 16 September 2020
- 21 October 2020
- 18 November 2020

The Community Consultation Sessions will reflect;

- Items on public exhibition
- Items up for Community Consultation/Feedback
- Items and Agenda Items included in the Council meeting.

Skypark Residential Estate – Now Selling



Skypark Residential Estate – Lifestyle and Location

Build your house and hangar on your own block of land at Narromine Aerodrome with taxiway access from your backyard. Whether you are upgrading or downsizing, Skypark in Narromine gives you space to live and breathe.

The Estate is located adjacent to Narromine's Aerodrome, next door to Narromine's 18-hole sand-green Golf Course, across the road from the Macquarie River and a short stroll to Narromine's CBD. The impressive land release offers sites that are fully serviced with power, NBN, kerb and guttering and sealed roads.

Skypark presents an opportunity to build your dream home at an affordable price. Perfect for bringing up your family, retiring in luxury, starting your independence or simply living a carefree lifestyle. Pre-sale on residential lots are now available. For land availability, prices and more information.

skyparkestate.com.au

Narromine Aviation Business Park



Narromine Aviation Business Park For Sale

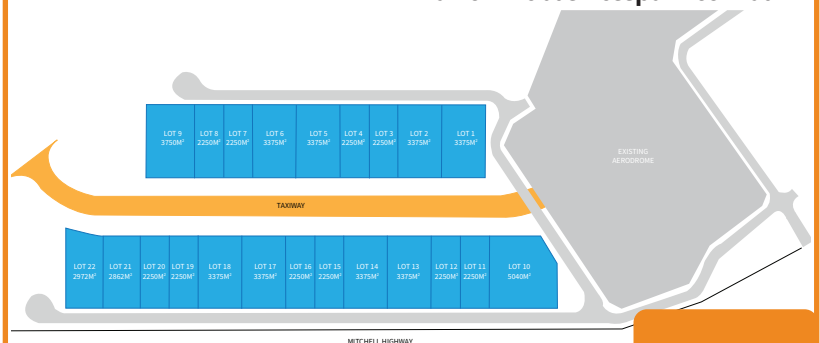
- ✓ No landing fees
- ✓ All freehold title
- ✓ Unrestricted aerodrome
- ✓ Direct access to two sealed runways

The Narromine Aviation Business Park is located alongside Narromine Aerodrome on the Mitchell Highway. The new Business Park offers fully serviced land with no landing fees and two runways.

Narromine's unique location in the centre of NSW, outside controlled airspace and with a safe flying area provides real opportunity to support growth of the aviation industry and regional economy.

Development opportunities currently available: Freehold sites ranging from 2250m² - 5040m² are now available for pre-sale within the newly developed 22-lot commercial precinct. All sites have road and airside access, are connected to power, potable water, sewerage and NBN. The sites are ready for the construction of hangar facilities and buildings.

narrominebusinesspark.com.au



Annual Pet Permits Now Required

The NSW Government has introduced annual permits for non-desexed cats and restricted and dangerous dogs as part of its commitment to promoting responsible pet ownership and improving animal welfare standards from 1 July 2020.

Owners of cats not desexed by four months of age are required to pay an \$80 annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee.

The new program will create a stronger incentive to desex cats, which in turn will improve their health and wellbeing, including reducing the risk of some cancers.

Improving desexing rates will also ease the burden on pounds and shelters, reduce euthanasia rates, and help to address concerns about feral, stray and roaming cats and their effect on wildlife.

Exemptions are in place for those kept for breeding purposes by members of recognised breeding bodies, and cats which cannot be de-sexed for medical reasons.

From 1 July 2020, Owners of dogs of a restricted breed or formally declared to be dangerous are required to pay a

\$195 annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee.

This will serve as a further disincentive to owning high-risk dogs and encourage owners to better manage the behaviour of their animal.

Pet owners are able to pay for annual permits using the NSW Pet Registry website or through their local council.

Anyone registering a cat on the NSW Pet Registry will be informed that they must pay for an \$80 annual permit if their animal is not desexed by four months of age.

Annual permit fees will go directly to the Companion Animals Fund which pays for companion animal management by local councils including pounds/shelters, ranger services, dog recreation areas, and education and awareness programs.

The fund is also used to operate the NSW Pet Registry and carry out responsible pet ownership initiatives.

If you require any further information or assistance, please contact the NSW Pet Registry at pets@olg.nsw.gov.au and 1300 134 460.

Promote Your Event

If you are holding an event in the Narromine Region, we want to know!!

We can help promote your event through Council's website, social media and on the LED digital board in Dundas Park.

To list your event click here: <https://narromineregion.com.au/whats-on-in-narromine-region>

Narromine Levee and Floodplain Management Update

A Narromine Floodplain Management Committee meeting was held on 1 July 2020 at Narromine Shire Council. The meeting was held in response to further community consultation carried out earlier in 2020.

In April 2020, Narromine Shire Council engaged consultants to undertake a review of the *Narromine Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan* which was prepared for the township in 2009. The purpose of the review was to assist Council in refining strategic plans for mitigating and managing the effects of existing flood risk (associated with existing development on flood prone land),

future flood risk (associated with any new development on flood prone land) and continuing flood risk (the risk remaining in both existing and future development areas after floodplain risk management measures are implemented). Council distributed 1,672 Community Newsletters and Questionnaires to residents and business owners and promoted the questionnaire on social media. A total of 143 responses were received, with half of the response from residents that have lived within the Narromine Shire for longer than 20 years. 21 responders had experienced flooding, with 12 referring to the 1955 flood.

The review of the Narromine Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan included;

- Data collection
- Updated Hydraulic Model
- Updated Flood Frequency Analysis
- Updated Design Flood Modelling - Present Day Floodplain Conditions
- Updated Flood Damages
- Updated River Bank Levee Assessment

The review is due for completion by the end of the year.

Council's Delivery Program Progress Report 2019/2020

Council reports six monthly on the progress of Council's Delivery Program. For 2019/2020 Council achieved 94% of its goals for the financial year.

Council has faced a number of challenges throughout the 2019/2020 financial year including ongoing drought conditions and COVID-19. The ongoing drought conditions caused a number of issues for Council's Roads Maintenance Program and COVID-19 caused a number of closures including closing the Aquatic Centres 2 weeks early, the temporary closure of Narromine Shire Fitness Centre and the closure of Council's offices and depots to the public. Thankfully, whilst the offices and depots were closed to the public, there was no disruption to other services including waste facilities, water and sewer services, rubbish collections, planning and health survey functions.



Notable achievements for the 2019/2020 financial year include:

- **Unveiling of the Glenn McGrath cricket nets at Dundas Park** - three new cricket practice nets with synthetic grass surfacing for public use - \$100,000 project
- **Construction of Learn to Swim facility at the Narromine Aquatic Centre** - learn to swim pool, splash park, shade structures, filtration plant and back wash storage sheds, café area - \$1.7 million
- **Adoption of Trangie Sporting Precinct Concept Plan** - proposed upgrades include a multifunctional park, multipurpose spaces, improved accessibility, long term sustainability
- **Runner up in Local Government Bluett Award**
- **Hosting of annual fly in (Ausfly)** from 17 October to 19 October 2019 - over 700 people in attendance
- **Hosting of Local Landcare Co-ordinator** - natural resource management activities, supporting and increasing community engagement, developing local partnerships, networking with landholders, assisting in securing resources for projects
- **Annual fingerling release** into the Macquarie River to help restore the native fish population
- **Installation of temporary water treatment plant in Narromine** - \$477,000.
- **Receipt of \$1 million Drought Communities Program funding**, with allocation of \$200,000 to community, sporting and non-for-profit organisations (Facilities Maintenance Grants Program)
- **Receipt of \$750,000 Stronger Country Communities Program funding** - upgrades to Cale Oval Precinct, Dundas Park Playground, Trangie and Tomingley parks and precincts
- **Commencement of works** - Narromine Aviation Business Park (hangar development and aviation related commercial business) and Skypark Residential Developments - \$5.3 million

The items in the Delivery Program are referenced to one of the key priorities in the Community Strategic Plan – Vibrant Communities, Growing Our Economy, Protecting and Enhancing our Environment and Proactive Leadership.

Crown Lands Plan of Management

With endorsement from Crown Lands, Council is currently developing Draft Plans of Management for the Crown Reserves under Council management in the Shire. If you or your community/sporting group uses a Crown Reserve regularly and you have plans to expand/extend or build something new on the reserve, we want to know! Crown Reserves include Narromine and Trangie Showgrounds, Rotary Park, Alan Burns Oval and Dundas Oval.

Following the Council meeting held on 12 August 2020, Council resolved to refer the Plans of Management to the Department of Industry (Crown Lands) for landowner notification and recommendations. Following recommended changes are made to the Plans of Management the plans are to be placed on public exhibition in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act.

The plans to be placed on public exhibition include;

- Narromine Shire Community Land Generic Plan of Management, General Community Use
- Narromine Shire Community Land Generic Plan of Management, Parks and Sportsground
- Narromine Shire Community Land Plan of Management, Natural Areas
- Narromine Showground and Racecourse Plan of Management
- Trangie Showground and Racecourse Plan of Management

Successful Grant Funding

Council has recently been successful in a number of grant programs from both the Federal and State Governments. The projects total over \$3,400,000 in developments that will be commencing before the end of the year in the Region.

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (Federal Government) - \$909,690

- Trangie Heavy Vehicle Truck Stock – Drainage and pavement replacement
- Willydah Road – Pavement improvements and repairs
- Tomingley Drainage – Drainage upgrade
- Bulgandramine Bridge Abutment – increase of abutment protection
- Burroway Road – Heavy pavement protection
- Signage – Renew high priority signage
- Narromine Cemetery Resheet – Reseal
- Trangie Cemetery Trees – Removal of hazardous trees and replanting
- Narromine Boat Ramp – Upgrade of ramp
- Cale Oval – Part of the construction of the new club house building (stage 1), replacement of perimeter fence, terraced spectator hill and improved parking and traffic management

Resources for Regions Program (State Government) - \$1,670,000

- Cale Oval – Part of the construction of the new club house building (stage 1)
- Narromine Swimming Pool – New pool liner and tiled surface
- Tomingley Multipurpose Court – Development of multipurpose tennis, basketball and netball court

Regional Airports Program (Federal Government) - \$419,750

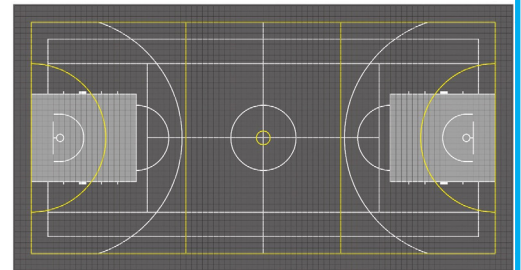
- Aerodrome improvements – fencing, windsock, runway and taxiway lighting repairs total project value \$839,500

Tomingley Multipurpose Court

The Tomingley Multipurpose Court will be located on the northern side of the Tomingley Memorial Hall and will include an all-weather surface that can be used for tennis, basketball netball and handball. Works also include an perimeter fence with seating, lighting and trees for shade.

Construction is expected to be completed by July 2021.

The Multipurpose Court will provide a community, recreation and sporting hub in Tomingley which will provide great benefits to the small rural community.



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