

## Message from the Mayor

It's always a pleasure to be able to report on the activities of council over the past twelve months.

Without doubt the most influential factor has been Covid-19 and its toll on development and activity across the shire. The initiatives outlined last year are still very much part of the program now and our resolve to bring growth and economic development goes on undiminished. As an example of the progress made in the past five years, council has seen a tripling of the value of DA's in this period with no reason to suspect the pace of change will slow down. It is an exciting period for the shire and opportunities are becoming more frequent.

The priority of bringing value added industries to our industry mix continues and I can assure all that minor setbacks will not deter our resolve. The shire has had to take stock during this Covid period which has meant significant delays to our project outcomes but I believe we have every reason to be optimistic for the future. We continue to work with industries across a broad and diverse range to enable the mix necessary to alleviate the setbacks caused by droughts and unforeseen circumstances. These will come to the fore as confidentiality is waived and the projects become more visible. The progress will become obvious over the course of the next six months.

The Narromine aerodrome continues to be a source of activity in the shire with about a third of the Skypark blocks now been sold. These are large residential blocks and offer purchasers the opportunity to buy in an environment where they can erect a hangar in their backyard. This unique opportunity is finding favour with locals and many investors wishing

to take advantage of the facilities on offer with the clubs at the aerodrome including gliding, aerobatics and recreational flying.

Also the Aviation precinct including the commercial blocks is attracting attention with interest coming from numerous partners. This is the one aspect of Council that bore the brunt of the Covid-19 impact. Thankfully things are picking up again now and our dialogue with offshore investors is continuing in earnest.

The shire has been blessed with the best harvest in years with record deliveries of wheat and canola. The turnaround from the previous drought years was a welcome relief for not only farmers but the entire community. This has brought with it a level of confidence not seen for many years and has seen land values continue their upward climb. The current cotton crop is also yielding beyond earlier expectations which also bodes well for our local economy. Let's hope it can be picked with little down time and then see a return to the moist conditions ideal for the emerging winter crops.

Council has had a strong focus across the past few years on delivering a better standard of facilities for the community. Upgrades to almost all sporting facilities have been completed apart from Cale Oval which still has significant work being done. These facilities are now in a position to last for the next decade with routine maintenance.

Our focus has now shifted to our roads and it is the intention of council to bring about very significant upgrades across as much of the network as our grant funding will allow. In suggesting this, council have

put aside serious money to ensure those grants needing matching funding can be part of the mix. We are applying pressure to our local member for the Dubbo-Narromine Rd to see the much talked about upgrade progress along with our rural network. A strategic approach is being adopted to get freight to main roads as quickly as possible and initially the secondary roads will see much of the attention.

In keeping with our approach to ensure that all residents across the shire feel both safe and free of the threats of crime, council has developed a Crime Minimisation Strategy. This is part of the social outcomes program that has become a part of the Economic Development plan. It should be noted upon its release that the literature on crime prevention, while acknowledging the important role of local government, acknowledges Local Government's limited ability to affect change. It is still an important aspect in the activities of council and will see due diligence applied.

For those who are inclined to become involved in helping their communities I would strongly urge you to consider council as that avenue. Local Government elections will be held in September and it is through your council that much of the decisions relating to our shire are made.

Lastly I hope that Covid is largely behind us and life can return to something like the old normal. I am always open to taking calls from residents and wish everyone a wonderful twelve months ahead.

**Cr Craig Davies,**  
**Mayor Narromine Shire Council**

# Local Government Elections 2021



## Save the date

2021 NSW Local  
Government elections

Saturday  
4 September

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### Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday 4 September 2021.

If you are passionate about what happens in your local community becoming a councillor is an EXCITING opportunity to make a difference and to represent the interest of residents. The communities served by councils are diverse, and this should be reflected in the people elected. However, across NSW some community groups are under represented.

If you would like further information about becoming a councillor, you may wish to talk to an existing councillor or contact the Office of Local Government [www.olg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au)

For more information about registration, nomination, election campaign finances, voting and other election processes, as well as important dates and deadlines, go to the NSW Electoral Commission website at [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au)  
*Remember - Voting is compulsory.*

## FOGO (Food and Garden Organics)



A big green thumbs up to our residents that use their food and garden organics bin the right way.

This weekly food and organics kerbside service collects both food and garden waste from some 24,000 homes across Narromine Shire, Mid-Western Regional and Dubbo Regional Councils.

The organic waste is transported to the purpose-built Dubbo Regional Organics Processing Plant where the material is composted to Australian Standards by Council's waste contractor JR Richards and Sons.

The compost is available at the JR Richards Depot, 60 Fitzroy Street Dubbo, and Active Earth Landscape Supplies, Williams Circuit Dubbo, and

is used on sporting fields, parks and is available to the community for farm and home gardens.

This project was supported by the Environmental Trust as part of the NSW EPA's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, funded from the waste levy.

Compost bin liners are available from:

- Council's Customer Service and Payments Centre at 118 Dandaloo Street Narromine,
- Trangie Newsagency,
- Phoning Council on 6889 9999.





## Ausfly 2021

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All Aviators Under One Sky

The Annual Fly-In in Narromine, Ausfly has been rescheduled for 10-11 September 2021 at Narromine Aerodrome. Whatever you fly, are building, are thinking of building or you are thinking of a career in or just interested in aviation - you are welcome to attend this time-honoured fly-in held in Narromine, NSW.

There will be aircraft static and flying displays, educational sessions and industry exhibitors at the event including BBQ's on Friday and Saturday evenings hosted by the Narromine Aero Club and Narromine

Gliding Club. Narromine Shire Council will be guiding tours around Sky Park Residential and Industrial on Saturday 10 September.

Ausfly is a great opportunity to get up close to aircraft, discover an amazing part of Australian aviation history at the Narromine Aviation Museum or simply catch up with fellow aviators and like-minded people. For more information visit: [www.ausfly.com.au](http://www.ausfly.com.au)

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## Online Candidate Nominations

Nominations Online Management System (NOMS) for the 2021 Local Government elections is now available.

Candidates, registered political parties and candidate representatives can now prepare their nomination and group forms online.

Lodgement of nominations and nomination deposits commence 8am Monday, 26 July and close 12 noon Wednesday, 4 August 2021.

It is recommended that you prepare your nomination forms now and lodge your nomination early in the nominations lodgement window. This will allow sufficient time to make amendments if this is required.

For more information visit: [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au)

## Tip Tokens

Residents are reminded to keep an eye out for their 2021/2022 tip tokens. These tokens are valid until June 2022. Tokens are not transferrable, 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.



## Future Projects

### Riverside Precinct

In late 2020 Council adopted the concept master plan for the Narromine Riverside precinct including the open spaces along the Macquarie River at Culling Street, Rotary Park, Noel Powell Oval and Olsen Oval. Council will now proceed to seek funding opportunities to see this work undertaken.

To view the concept plan visit: [www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/concept-plans](http://www.narromine.nsw.gov.au/community/concept-plans)

## Successful Grant Funding

### Cale Oval Sporting and Recreational Precinct

The upgrade of the Cale Oval Grandstand was first identified as a priority through the development of the Cale Oval Concept Plan, adopted by Council in early 2019.

The Cale Oval Grandstand upgrade will involve the removal of all facilities currently on the grounds to allow for the construction of a single storey clubhouse.

The clubhouse will include all amenities such as change rooms, bathrooms, kitchen, canteen, audio visual, medical and storage rooms, together with tiered seating for spectators. Council has worked in consultation with primary grounds users to design the upgraded facility in line with sporting code requirements and desires of specific clubs. The result of this construction will be a multifunctional recreational and sporting facility which meets all state sporting code requirements. Successful grant funding of \$330,000.00 from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program, in addition to \$925,604.00 from the Resources for Regions fund have

allowed Council to progress the project through design and development stage to the distribution of tender documentation for construction of the facility.

Construction is expected to begin in September 2021 and be completed in February 2022 to minimise disruption during peak usage of the grounds during the winter season.

### Fixing Local Roads

Recently it was announced that Narromine Shire Council will receive \$334,400 to rehabilitate Raeburn Lane and a further \$304,000 for the gravel resheeting of Farrendale Road from the Fixing Local Roads Program. This funding program is aimed to provide well-maintained roads and supporting growth and development, as well as providing access to critical services such as hospitals and schools. Narromine Shire Council will be applying to the next round of Fixing Local Roads program to attract further funding to the local road network.

# Successful Grant Funding Cont.

## Narromine's NEW Water Treatment Plant

In 2019, Narromine Shire Council received \$2 million from NSW Government's Safe and Secure Water Program to enable Council to construct a temporary water treatment plant that has an innovative filtration system feeding up to 2.5 megs per day of previously unsuitable water from Narromine's deep bore wells to the town's drinking water treatment plant. This project has assisted to improve the quality of the town's water supply while also giving Narromine added confidence to deal with future droughts. Pictured starting up the plant is NSW Minister for Water The Hon Melinda Pavey, Member for Dubbo Dugald Saunders and Mayor Narromine Shire Council Clr Craig Davies.



## Shire-wide Regional Connectivity

Narromine Shire Council and Field Solutions Group have successfully received \$1.6 million funding from the Federal Government's Regional Connectivity Program to 'connect' the Narromine Shire Local Government Area.

The project will provide reliable, high-speed broadband and connectivity across the entire Shire with the construction of 5 new towers and the use of an existing Council asset. This will complement the 3 new towers that are to be constructed at Gin Gin, Nevertire and Mullengudgery funded by the Federal Government's Mobile Blackspot Round 5 in 2019. Council is acutely aware of how critical connectivity is to enabling innovation and economic development for rural businesses and this is a great solution to offer Shire-wide reliable connectivity together with the Federal Government and Field Solutions Group. Field Solutions Group has successfully provided Moree Plains and Narrabri Shire Council areas with a comparable initiative that has significantly improved connectivity and mobile phone coverage over a very large footprint.

## Dundas Playground

The works to this playground are funded by the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Program and are nearing completion. The playground including a flying fox, swings and slide will provide much improved play and recreation facilities for children in our community and are part of the broader improvements to that precinct in Narromine which now also includes improved cricket net facilities and improvements to the memorial pool.

## Swift Park Playground

The Swift Park Playground funded by NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Program and the Federal Government's Drought Communities Program is now completed and is being well used by families and children. The playground theme is Tree House Adventure and has climbing towers, a flying fox, swing sets, a carousel and a shaded seated area. The upgrade is valued at over \$350,000 and offers the Trangie community a great space for play and relaxation.



## Narromine Wetlands

The expansion and development of the Narromine Wetlands has been made available as a result of funding received by Narromine Shire Council from the NSW Government's Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund. The project entails excavating 180,000 metres of soil from the site to build three significant ponds, which will be able to store up to 270 mega litres of water, that has historically flooded the paddock west of the wetlands. In addition there will be a walking and cycling track installed and almost 600 native species of trees that will be planted. Council aims to have the project completed by the end of this year.

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