

From the Mayor's desk



What an amazing event! The Junior World Gliding Championships have been and gone - but they have left a mark. Narromine was honoured to be the first location in the southern hemisphere to host the championships and it

was only fitting that an Aussie was among the winners. Well done to everyone involved and farewell to those who are still packing up to head home, particularly to those who head to much cooler climates in the northern hemisphere.

In a bid to ensure our aerodrome continues to host such significant events and make its mark on the international flying and gliding scene, Council resolved at the December meeting to place an updated Aerodrome Asset Management Plan on public exhibition.

Updating the 2012 plan will help ensure the growth and development of Narromine aerodrome into the future. It provides a clear direction regarding time frames associated with the various subdivisions and the development of Skypark residential estate, as well as for the commercial and light industrial (hangarage) areas.

The plan will help Council maintain its current assets to ensure Narromine remains a functional aerodrome.

In keeping with our statutory requirements, Council lodged its 2014-15 annual report with the Office of Local Government last month. The report has been published on Council's website and copies are available from the Council Chambers and Customer Service and Payments Centre. This report provides a clear snapshot of our achievements over the past year and our current financial position.

This newsletter brings another year to a close and brings many families together in the shire over the Christmas period. For those of you hosting visitors, enjoy all that Narromine Shire has to offer. For those of you on our roads, please drive carefully. I wish all our residents a happy and safe Christmas period and a prosperous 2016.

*Councillor Bill McAnally,
Mayor*

Successful world championships event

Capping off a fantastic event in Narromine, a young Australian pilot was among the winners at the 2015 FAI Junior World Gliding Championships. Matthew Scutter won the Standard Class Championship by 255 points to become only the third Australian in history to win a World Gliding Championship. With a friendly but highly competitive atmosphere, organisers described the competition as "a joy to watch and an honour for everyone involved to be a part of".

The opening ceremony was held under sunny skies, with the teams given a warm welcome by locals as they marched around Payten Oval in their colourful uniforms with their country flags flying high.

The championships brought the world's most talented junior pilots to battle it out in the skies of regional NSW. During the weeks leading up to the competition, many European teams arrived to get themselves acclimatised to Narromine's perfect gliding weather



after coming from the start of a cold European winter.

The rumble of big trucks was heard around the airfield as shipping containers packed with gliders arrived from Europe.

Above: The German crew who won the team competition.

Pink pigeons fly

The Pink Pigeon fundraiser is off to a great start with \$15,000 raised at the recent Pink Sheep Sale. The Pink Pigeon Race will be held on Tuesday 5 January 2016 at Dundas Oval, Narromine commencing at 7.30am with a free community breakfast, along with activities for the children.

Events leading up to the race include a Pink Bowls Day at the Trangie Bowling Club (2/1/16) and a Golf Tournament and Calcutta at the Narromine Golf Club (3/1/16).

Funds from the annual event go to the McGrath Foundation to help fund breast care nurses around Australia.

Christmas closures

The Council Chambers, Customer Service and Payments Centre, Macquarie Valley Family Day Care Centre and Visitor Information Centre will close between Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

All other Council facilities (including swimming pools and waste depots) will be closed on Christmas Day and may operate with some changes to their hours on other holidays. Essential services will continue as usual, including kerbside garbage collection, cleaning of public toilets, barbecues and the CBD.

For urgent maintenance work or emergency services phone Council on 6889 9999.

Summer holiday news and events

Holiday fun with vacation care

Narromine Vacation Care will be operating from 4 to 22 January 2016. Activities include swimming, cooking, skate park, Fitness Fun, movie making, mud run, dog handling and lots more. For bookings phone Macquarie Valley Family Day Care on 6889 1368 or email mvfdc@narromine.nsw.gov.au.



Summer is alive at the library

Get lost in a book with the Summer Reading Club at Trangie Library during the school holidays. The reading club will be available until the end of January. Phone Trangie Library for details on 6888 7501.

Visit Narromine Library at any time during the holidays for fun activities and crafts. Enter Peter Pan's World and the Lost City of Atlantis. School holiday activities are \$2 and recommended for children aged five to 12 years. Book now by phoning Narromine Library on 6889 1088.

Celebrate Australia Day

Dundas Park, Narromine

7.30 am, 26 January

FREE breakfast

Competitions, activities and market stalls

Meet Australia Day Ambassador Robyn Moore

Presentation of Narromine Shire Australia Day Awards

FREE entry to Narromine swimming pool between 11am and 4pm.

Trangie

8am, 26 January

Australia Day Community Breakfast

Trangie Bowling Club

FREE breakfast

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Meet Australia Day Ambassador Gerry Tatrai

FREE entry to Trangie swimming pool between noon and 4pm.

Further Australia Day information will be published in the January edition of Community Connection.

Burns Oval Trangie closed

Burns Oval in Trangie is now closed to sporting clubs and the general public for remedial work on playing surfaces, until the completion of the project.

For further information phone Council on 6889 9999.

Last minute gift idea

Council has Narromine caps and bucket hats in a variety of colours for only \$15 each. The hats are available at Council's Customer Service and Payments Centre in Dandaloo Street, Narromine and would make a great Christmas gift or stocking filler!

Snapshot

Draft domestic animals policy

As part of Council's continued commitment to supporting the residential environment of the local community, a draft policy on keeping domestic animals is now on display for public comment.

The policy has been designed to reduce the impact domestic animals have on surrounding neighbours and ensure that issues or complaints are dealt with in a fair and equitable manner.

This relates to dogs, cats, pigs, horses, chickens and even bees. It is not about policing the number of animals but providing guidelines on how the animals should be kept and what controls are in place. You can view the policy on Council's website and written comments are welcome until 5pm on 22 January 2016.

Local sports grants

The NSW Government has allocated \$50,000 for projects within the Dubbo Electorate for incorporated, not-for-profit sports clubs.

Applications are open until 11 February 2016. Local sporting bodies can apply for grants in these categories:

- Sports club development
- Community sports events
- Sporting equipment and uniforms
- Facility development
- Capital equipment.

For more information or to apply, visit www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au.

Warren Rd residents needed

Nominations are open until 29 January from residents of Warren Rd, Narromine to fill a vacancy on Council's Floodplain Management Committee. This is the advisory committee that will make recommendations to Council regarding the feasibility study for the proposed extension/augmentation of the Narromine Levee. Visit Council's website for the application form or talk to Kerrie Murphy on 6889 9940 for more information.

Southern phone grants

Applications are welcome until Thursday 24 December from legally constituted, not-for-profit, non-political groups or organisations for community projects within the Narromine Shire. For more information or to apply visit www.southernphone.com.au/ grants.

More information

This newsletter has been produced by Narromine Shire Council for the benefit of the residents of Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley and surrounding areas.

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