



PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN 2015

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1 INTRODUCTION

This Pesticide Use Notification Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 2009.

The aim of this plan is to meet the community's general right to know about pesticide applications made to outdoor public places that are owned or controlled by Narromine Shire Council. The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with pesticides, if they wish.

The term 'pesticide' is applied to chemicals used to kill pests and minimise their impact on agriculture, health and other human interests. Pesticides are often classified according to the organisms which they are used to control, eg fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides, nematicides, rodenticides, algaecides, baits, repellents etc.

Narromine Shire Council ensures that staff and contractors adopt best management practices in the application of pesticides to public places minimising harm to the community or the environment. Examples of best management practices involve using pesticides only for the purpose described on the product label and following all the instructions on the label, observing the weather conditions at the control site, continual observance of the general public at the control site, taking care to protect their own health and the health of others while using a pesticide (wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment etc), making every reasonable attempt to prevent damage occurring from the use of a pesticide.

The majority of pesticide use by Council staff and contractors consists of applying herbicides for weed control (noxious weeds, annual and perennial weeds, nuisance grass's etc) and applying insecticides to manage insect pests (Fruit fly, European Wasps, Spiders, etc). The seasonal conditions and prevailing weather conditions have a major influence on any control work carried out.

The plan sets out how Narromine Shire Council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls.

The plan describes:

- What public places are covered by the plan
- Who regularly uses these public places and an estimated level of use
- How and when Narromine Shire Council will provide the community with information about its pesticide applications in public places
- How the community can access this plan and get more information about Council's notification arrangements
- How future reviews of the plan will be conducted
- Contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with Narromine Shire Council

2 PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Narromine Shire Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls within the Narromine Shire Council area:

Public land owned or controlled by the Narromine Shire Council, including

- Public park and garden areas
- Sporting fields and ovals
- Road and laneway verges
- Pathways
- Reserves
- Drains and other easements
- Showgrounds
- Dog pounds
- Swimming pools
- Cemeteries
- Kerb and gutters
- Saleyards
- Aerodrome
- Water filtration plant
- Waste Water (Sewerage) Treatment Plant
- Works Depot

Narromine Shire Council's estimate of the level of community use, regular user groups and types of pesticide use in each of these categories of public places are summarised in the following tables.

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Public park and garden areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Children • Families • Elderly people • Recreational users (joggers etc) • Groups (Friends of Parks) • Contractors • Education and Tour Groups • Maintenance staff 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Broadscale spraying herbicides • Broadscale spraying insecticides • Spot spraying fungicides

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Sporting fields and ovals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Sport clubs and associations • School groups • General public • Spectators • Maintenance staff 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Broadscale spraying herbicides • Broadscale spraying insecticides • Cut n paint herbicides
Road and laneway verges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Adjoining landholders and residents • Walkers and joggers • Maintenance staff 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Broadscale spraying herbicides • Broadscale spraying insecticides
Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Residents • Joggers • Visitors • Maintenance staff 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides
Reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Family groups • Walkers & joggers • Picnic groups • Maintenance staff • Fishermen 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Cut n paint herbicides
Drains and easements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Maintenance staff • Local residents 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides
Dog Pound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Maintenance staff • Visitors 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides
Showground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Sporting clubs • Families • Animals • Maintenance staff 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Boom spray herbicides
Swimming pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Families • School groups • Visitors/tourists • Maintenance staff 	High during Pool season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Boom spray herbicides

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Visitors • Maintenance staff 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Broadscale spraying herbicides
Saleyards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Animals • Farmers • Stock and Station Agents • Truck Drivers • Maintenance staff 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Broadscale spraying herbicides
Aerodrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Pilots • Passengers • Maintenance staff 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Boom spraying herbicides
Water Filtration Plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Maintenance staff • Company representatives 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides
Waste Water (Sewerage) Treatment Plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Maintenance staff 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides
Works Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Maintenance staff • Delivery persons • Company representatives 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spraying herbicides • Spot spraying insecticides
Council owned public buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Maintenance staff • Delivery persons • Company representatives • Residents 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spraying herbicides • Spot spraying insecticides

3 NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when Narromine Shire Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places, including special measures for sensitive areas that are adjacent to public places, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and circumstances where notice will not be given.

These notification requirements are based on Narromine Shire Council's assessment of:

- The level of usage of public places where pesticides may be used
- The extent to which members of the public who are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides are likely to use these areas
- The extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some contact with pesticides
- Type of pesticides used

Council will ensure that notice will be given as detailed in "8- WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED" part of this plan.

4 HOW AND WHEN NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE WILL BE PROVIDED

- Pesticide Application Notice will be printed in local media outlining Council's spraying program in accordance with the table below.
- Signs will be displayed on the day of pesticide application at the entrance and/or other prominent or highly used access point to the public place.
- Information will be available on Council's website or by phoning Council's office on 02 6889 9999.

Notification will be as follows:

Public places	Notification Requirements Newspaper Advertisement	Signage on display at site/s on day of application	Application of pesticide	Sensitive Areas Areas adjacent to sensitive areas such as outside schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours.
Public parks & garden areas	Quarterly, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (garden beds, gravel paths, broadleaf weeds etc) • Spot spray insecticide (Fruit Fly, European Wasps etc) • Apply fungicide (applied to plants and tubers etc) • Broadscale herbicide (broadleaf weeds etc) • Broadscale insecticide (turf eating insects like African Black Beetle) • Cut n paint herbicide (direct application) 	Applicable
Sport fields and ovals	Quarterly, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (garden beds, gravel paths, broadleaf weeds etc) • Spot spray insecticide (Fruit Fly, European Wasps etc) • Apply fungicide (applied to turf areas etc) • Broadscale herbicide (broadleaf weeds etc) • Broadscale insecticide (turf eating insects like African Black Beetle etc). 	Applicable

Public places	Notification Requirements Newspaper Advertisement	Signage on display at site/s on day of application	Application of pesticide	Sensitive Areas Areas adjacent to sensitive areas such as outside schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours.
Road and laneway verges	Quarterly, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Mobile Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites and nuisance weeds etc) • Spot spray insecticide (Fruit Fly, European Wasps etc) • Boom spraying (vegetation growth on road shoulders) 	Applicable – additionally Herbicide treatment adjacent to vineyards and orchards will be carried out prior to bud swell or after the fruit has finished too avoid non-target spray drift damage.
Pathways	Quarterly, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Mobile Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds and nuisance weeds etc) • Spot spray insecticide (Fruit Fly, European Wasps etc) 	Applicable
Reserves	Annually, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites and nuisance weeds etc) • Spot spray insecticide (Fruit Fly, European Wasps etc) • Cut n paint herbicides (direct application) 	Applicable

Public places	Notification Requirements Newspaper Advertisement	Signage on display at site/s on day of application	Application of pesticide	Sensitive Areas Areas adjacent to sensitive areas such as outside schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours.
Drains & other easements	Quarterly, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Mobile Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites & nuisance weeds etc) • Spot spray insecticide (Spiders, Coach Roaches, European Wasps etc) 	Applicable
Showground	Annually	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, paths, tree sites & nuisance weeds etc) • Broadscale herbicide (broadleaf weeds etc) • Spot spray insecticide (Fruit Fly, European Wasps etc) 	Not Applicable
Dog Pound	Nil due to remote location and restricted access	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, driveway and nuisance weeds) • Spot spray insecticides (spiders, rodents etc) 	Not Applicable
Swimming Pool	5 working days prior to application.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (fence lines, tree sites and nuisance weeds etc) • Spot spray insecticide (Spiders, European Wasps etc) 	Applicable

Public places	Notification Requirements Newspaper Advertisement	Signage on display at site/s on day of application	Application of pesticide	Sensitive Areas Areas adjacent to sensitive areas such as outside schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours.
Cemetery	Annually	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites and nuisance weeds etc) • Spot spray insecticide (Spiders, European Wasps etc) • Broadscale spraying herbicide (Broadleaf weeds) 	Not Applicable
Kerb and gutters	Quarterly, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc) 	Applicable
Saleyards	Nil due to remote location and restricted access	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc) • Boom spray herbicides (in small paddocks areas) 	Not Applicable
Aerodrome	Annually	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc) • Boom spraying (broadleaf weeds) 	Not Applicable
Water filtration plant	Nil due to remote location and restricted access	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (weeds along water edges and fence lines etc) 	Not Applicable

Public places	Notification Requirements Newspaper Advertisement	Signage on display at site/s on day of application	Application of pesticide	Sensitive Areas Areas adjacent to sensitive areas such as outside schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours.
Sewerage Treatment Plant	Nil due to remote location and restricted access	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc) 	Not Applicable
Works Depot	Nil due to remote location and restricted access	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc) • Spot spraying insecticide (Spiders, European wasps etc) 	Not Applicable
Council owned public buildings	Quarterly, unless within sensitive area then 5 working days prior to application.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc) • Spot spraying insecticide (Spiders, European wasps etc) 	Applicable

5 SPECIAL MEASURES FOR SENSITIVE PLACES

Clause 18 of the *Pesticides Regulation 2009* defines a sensitive place to be any:

- School or pre-school
- Kindergarten
- Childcare centre
- Hospital
- Community Health Centre
- Nursing home
- Any place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority by order published in the Gazette.

Newspaper advertisement at least five (5) working days prior to application, or the pesticide requires special notification measures to be taken. Kerb and gutters adjacent to sensitive area such as schools, preschools will be treated outside school hours.

6 NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents (that pose an immediate health hazard), Narromine Shire Council Staff and/or the contractor will, where possible, provide notice by posting signs nearby or other notification as stated by the pesticide product label, at the time of application. If no such notice exists on the product label, Narromine Shire Council will door-knock in that sensitive place and advise people of Narromine Shire Council's actions.

7 PESTICIDE CONTRACTORS AND LESSEES OF PUBLIC PLACES

Where Narromine Shire Council uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf, Narromine Shire Council will ensure that notification is made in accordance with the notification requirements of this plan.

Where persons or organisations hold existing lease on Narromine Shire Council land that remains a public place and if they use pesticides in this area, Narromine Shire Council will still require notification in accordance with the requirements of this plan.

8 WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with clause 20 of the *Pesticides Regulation 2009*, notice of pesticides uses will include the following information:

- The full product name of the pesticide to be used, and
- The purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated, and
- The proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use, and
- The places where the pesticide is to be used, and

- Contact telephone number and email address of the Narromine Shire Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice, and
- Any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) permit.

9 HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

Narromine Shire Council will advise residents of this plan and its contents in accordance with Clauses 21 & 22 of the Pesticides Regulation 2009 by:

Draft Plan

- Place on public consultation for 28 days
 - Making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at its office at 124 Dandaloo Street, Narromine
 - Placing a copy of the plan on the Council's website
 - Placing a notice in the Narromine News

Adoptions

- Placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette
- Placing a copy of the plan on the Council's website

10 FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The notification plan will be reviewed every five years or when circumstances require a review of the plan. The review will include:

- A report on progress of implementing the plan
- Placing the plan on public exhibition, with any proposed changes and calling for public submissions
- *Undertaking public consultation in accordance with Clause 21 Pesticides Regulation 2009*
- Final adoption in accordance with Clause 22 Pesticides Regulation 2009

11 CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact Narromine Shire Council to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications in public places should contact Jay Stephenson, Team Leader Noxious Weeds Officer, during normal business hours on 6889 9999, email jstephenson@narromine.nsw.gov.au.

Pesticide Use Notification.

Noxious Weed control and Public Open Space Weed control.

In accordance with Part 5 of the Pesticide Regulation 2009, Narromine Council wishes to inform the community of the following pesticide use by staff on Council property. (prescribed public places)

(Please note the time periods indicate the planned duration, but activities may occasionally occur outside each period)

Date (Annual, Quarterly or 5 working days prior) ###

Locations:

- Public park and garden areas
- Sporting fields and ovals
- Road and laneway verges
- Pathways
- Reserves
- Drains and other easements
- Showgrounds
- Swimming pools
- Cemeteries
- Kerb and gutters
- Aerodrome
- Council owned public buildings
- Macquarie River and Bogan River foreshores.

Purpose: African Boxthorn, Bathurst Burr, Noogoora Burr, Galvanized Burr, Johnson grass, Golden Dodder, Tiger Pear, Coolatai Grass, Green Cestrum, St Johns Wort, Bridal Creeper, Athel Pine, Silver-leaf Nightshade, Spiny Burr Grass, Clover and Broad leaf weeds.

Products:

- Cutlass M (MCPA 340g/lit Dicamba 80g/lit)
- Gazon Extra (Triclopyr 300g/lit Picloram 100g/lit Aminopyralid 8g/lit)
- Glyphosate 360g/lit
- Glyphosate 450g/lit
- Glyphosate 510g/lit
- Brushoff (Metsulfuron-methyl 600g/kg)
- Excalibur (Sulfometuron –methyl 750g/kg)
- Garlon 600 (Triclopyr 600 g/l)
- Pulse (1020g/l Polyether modified polysiloxane)
- Amicide 625 (2,4-D Amine 625g/l)

Note: Signage will be displayed whilst application is taking place and will remain there until the re-entry period has expired (if applicable) in accordance with the Narromine Shire Council's Pesticide Use Notification Plan.

For further information contact Narromine Shire Council's Team Leader Noxious Weeds Officer Jay Stephenson 02 6889 9999 or email jstephenson@narromine.nsw.gov.au.