

NARROMINE NEWS &
TRANGIE ADVOCATE
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Community feedback sought on proposal to raise general rate

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Council will be consulting with the community regarding a proposed application to the State Government for an increase in general rate income by way of a Special Rate Variation.

"Council is seeking community feedback as to whether we should apply for a special variation to the rate income we receive each year," advised Narromine Mayor, Cr Bill McAnally.

"The proposed increase addresses recommendations in recent NSW State Government reviews and is important for long-term financial sustainability and to maintain council services to the community as council strives to be "Fit for the Future".

The funds raised by the proposed Special Rate Variation will be used to address ongoing operating deficits, offset interest payments on road infrastructure works under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme subsidy program, and to address the revenue shortfall resulting from the Federal Government's recent decision to

freeze payments to councils for Federal Assistance Grants.

Newsletter information will be sent to all ratepayers by mail and further information is available on council's website.

The community is encouraged to provide feedback by completing an online survey and/or written submission.

Public meetings will be held in early December to provide an opportunity for questions, more information and to discuss the proposal.

If the proposal proceeds, there would be a limit of two years of increases at 6.5 per cent for 2015/16 and 2016/17 which include the normal rate peg increase.

It is proposed that the increases will be held as a permanent increase to rates.

From 2017/18 onwards only the normal rate peg increase will apply.

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DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATIONS

Notice is hereby given that Council, pursuant to the provisions of Section 101 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, as amended, has approved the following Development Applications and Compiling Development Certificates between the period of 1 October 2014 and 31 October 2014.

DA No.	Location	LOT/DP	Description	Class
11/15	Dubbo Collie Road	23 & 19/752566	Subdivision	N/A
18/15	Villeneuve Drive	23/1077239	Rainwater Tank	10a
19/15	Dandaloo Street	13/114864	Carport	10a
21/15	Maryula Street	48/382108	Shed	10a
23/15	Dandaloo Road	14/755090	Shed	10a
24/15	Algalah Street	2/814186	Fence	10a
25/15	Sissian Road	61/755105	Shed	10a
26/15	McNamara Lane	9/1002601	Train Carriage Accommodation – Use Only	N/A
27/15	Farrendale Road	510/787535	Swimming Pool	10b

Copies of the above applications are available, free of charge, at the Narromine Shire Council building, 124 Dandaloo Street, Narromine between 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday (excluding Public Holidays).

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Miss Barlow has praised the pools for supporting the campaign.

"Two in three Australians will develop skin cancer in their lifetime and sun exposure during youth is a major contributor as research shows young people often forget to protect their skin from the sun," she said.

"Trangie Memorial Baths and Narromine Swimming Pool have taken a great step by encouraging young people to be sun smart and we look forward to seeing more pools across the region come on board."

Miss Barlow said it's important to remember the five sun smart measures and to never rely on one form of protection.

Slip on some protective clothing, slop on at least SPF 30+ 20 minutes before you head out and take a bottle or tube with you so you can re-apply, slap on a wide-brimmed hat, seek shade and slide on some sunglasses.

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Council resolved at its October meeting to consult with our community about applying to the state government for a proposed Special Rate Variation for two years to ensure our financial sustainability.

If the proposal for a Special Rate proceeds, there would be an increase in the general rate of 6.5 per cent for 2015/16 and 6.5 per cent for 2016/17 which include the annual assumed rate peg increase. This represents a cumulative increase of 13.42 per cent over the two years. (In comparison, without the special rate variation, the general rate would increase by the standard assumed rate of 3 per cent per annum or a cumulative increase of 6.09 per cent over the two years).

The proposed special rate variation would mean that the average residential rate will increase by around \$40 per year for two years. You can check the impact on your own rates on the "Rate Checker" on council's website.

It is proposed that the increases will be held as a permanent increase to rates. From 2017/18 onwards only the normal rate peg increase will apply.

The funds raised by a proposed Special Rate Variation will be used to address possible operating deficits, offset interest payments

on road infrastructure works under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme program and to address the revenue shortfall resulting from the Federal Government's recent decision to freeze payments to councils for Federal Assistance Grants (FAG).

More information on the proposed Special Rate Variation is available on Council's website at www.narromine.nsw.gov.au

Have your say - How to provide feedback?

This is an important initiative and we encourage feedback from all ratepayers and residents of the Narromine Shire through one or more of the following opportunities:

Public meetings are being held to provide an opportunity for questions, more information and to discuss the proposal -

Tomingley Community Hall on December 1 2014 - 6pm to 7pm

Triangle Bowling Club on the December 2 2014 - 6pm to 7pm

Narromine Golf Club on December 4 2014 - 6pm to 7pm

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Written submissions - to the General Manager, Narromine Council:

Email mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au

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Council Offices: 120/124 Dandaloo St, Narromine, NSW, 2821

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The Australian Super Career Kick Start Award
The Santos Indigenous Achievement Award
The Australian National University Science Leadership Award

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The Coffee Club Arts & Fashion Award

The Bartecard Leadership & Innovation Award

The Who Printing Environment & Sustainability Award

The Freemasons of NSW & ACT Community Service Award

Recognise, reward and acknowledge a young achiever.

Award winners will receive \$2000 and a hand-crafted glass trophy.

Nominations close Thursday December 4 2014. Should you wish for more information or to nominate a young achiever please contact the awards office on 1300 735 445 or nominate online at www.awardsaustralia.com

Documents on Public Exhibition - 2014/2015 Fees & Charges - At the ordinary meeting of council held November 12 2014, council resolved to increase the refundable security deposit fee for hiring Triangle Showground facilities from \$250 to \$500 in the adopted fees and charges for 2014/2015 and place the draft fee change on public exhibition for 28 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this amendment to 2014/2015 Fees & Charges. Anyone wishing to make a comment on the amended Fees & Charges 2014/2015 can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Narromine Shire Council, PO Box 115, Narromine, NSW, 2821. Comments or submissions will be received up to 5pm Wednesday December 17 2014.

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COUNCIL COLUMN

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It's a 'no' at Trangie

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GRACE RYAN

The Trangie community voted against the special rate variation during a public consultation meeting on Tuesday night.

Trangie residents gathered at the bowling club to meet with the Mayor Bill McAnally, General Manager Greg Lamont, Chief Financial Officer Yvonne Clarke and other members of council to discuss the potential rate increase for the next two financial years.

Council has proposed a 3.5 per cent increase on next year's rates on top of the usual CPI Rate Pegging of three per cent.

Council is currently consulting with the community as part of its application. It believes the rate increase is necessary to qualify for the Fit for the Future package proposed by the current state government.

"We're a stand-alone council and we've proved it. But we need to make these decisions before someone else does," Cr McAnally said.

The rate variation was not well received by a number of people at the Trangie consultation meeting.

Trangie resident Col Hamilton questioned whether Narromine Shire could work separately to the state government.

"What happens if you tell the State Government to get nicked and run your own show and we really scale back and run like a business?" he asked.

Cr McAnally said he didn't believe it would work on the rates the council currently received.

"Rates income revenue is \$6.5 million and money from the state government in grants and contributions is around \$10 million," CFO Mrs Clarke said.

Many Trangie residents questioned the council's systems and asked whether the council was running efficiently.

Resident Kevin Flynn put the question to the panel.

"The vibes I'm getting are all about efficiencies. I've studied this newsletter at length and once it mentions efficiencies, Yvonne mentioned it once in her address. We know the federal government is in debt of about \$30 billion; the state government owes a lot of money and it's filtering through the system.

"It's exactly the same as any household, if you're spending more than what you're bringing in, something's got to give. I believe what Narromine Shire Council needs to do is have a really good look at the efficiencies," he said.

The majority of the crowd agreed with him.

Mrs Clarke outlined the special rate variation is one way council could accumulate the funds to be Fit for the Future. Other options include reducing services or selling non-core assets.

"What are the alternatives? Council can reduce services,

always hard. What is an essential service to one part of the community is not to the other. Option two is sustaining our services but increasing our fees and charges, how much can we charge for the hire of a hall or using our facilities when it becomes too high and no one wants to use it at all?

"Another option is selling off the non-core assets. This will become a problem when you decide what is a non-core asset and who do we sell it to?" She asked.

Despite the negative reaction to the proposition Cr McAnally maintains it's the best option for council.

"The federal government has no money, the state government has no money and they're looking at us to maintain services. It's still a rate rise and it's a very hard thing to sell," he said.

The application will be made to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal next year and has the power to reject the additional rate variation.

Cr McAnally encourages community members to make submissions regarding the variation to council so they can submit them with their application.

Public consultation meetings were held in Tomingley on Monday and Narromine yesterday.

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contact Narromine Shire Council or visit the museum Companion Animals Micro-chip the coming weeks and companion animals are to be micro-chipping up with the Committee pet is lost, a micro-chip is the only expansion plans.

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"I'll miss the people. I intend to keep in touch with the doctors and our friends in Narromine.

"It's been a wonderful place for us to rear our family."

Dr Wright is looking forward to the move as well.

"I'll be reducing my hours. I can ride my motorbikes around the sea-side and hills in Newcastle," he smiled.

Dr Wright said many thanks were to be given to those who work in health in Narromine.

"I'll miss working with the excellent staff at the Narromine Hospital and the practice staff," he said.

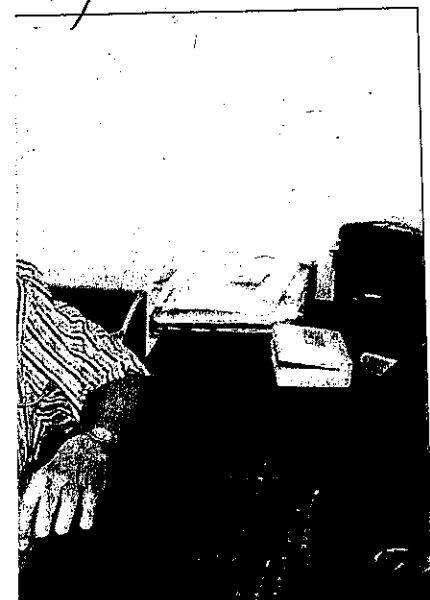
"In particular I'd like to thank Wendy Harding for organising me for 20 years and letting me look after patients."

Dr Wright's patients will be looked after by Dr McCarthy from Warren who will now work out of Narromine.

"I've had a lot to do with him for 20 years," Dr Wright said.

He leaves some parting advice with the residents of Narromine:

"Behave yourself," Dr Wright smiled. "And I'll try to do the same myself."



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Efficiencies and trim the fat:

Lyn Jablonski

NARROMINE Shire Council has been consulting with the community through advertising in the media and letters to ratepayers to determine whether they should apply to the State Government for an increase in the general rate to 'address ongoing operating deficits and offset interest payments on road infrastructure works'.

Council has held meetings in Tomingley (8-10 people attended), Trangie (70 people) and Narromine (50 people) to present their case.

The mood at the Tomingley meeting was low-key. Cr Tony Ellis told *Flat Chat News* that the general manager and the mayor explained what the rate increase meant and the people at the meeting accepted what they said.

The Trangie and Narromine meetings were contrary, with the audiences at both these meetings somewhat hostile to the prospect of a rate increase.

Trangie's meeting had a vote of 50 against the rate rise and 20 for it. The Trangie audience expressed concerns about council's systems and efficiencies.

The mayor, Cr Billy McAnally, the general manager, Greg Lamont, and other staff members faced around 50 Narromine residents last Thursday at the meeting held at the Narromine Golf Club.

At this meeting, as with the two previous meetings, Cr McAnally endeavoured to explain why the rate increases were necessary and that it is not councils decision perse but the latest 'incentive' from the State Government, the 'Fit for the Future' package.

"I think Narromine Shire Council can be efficient in the future and a financial council.

"I really think we have to give this (rate increase) a shot. There is nothing popular about rate increases or price rises. Along with the rate rise we are working

received," he said.

According to Cr McAnally the State Government has asked all councils to put in for this loan.

"They (State Government) said that local government should borrow more money, but I don't always agree with that," he said.

He explained that the State Government is very good at giving local government funding and then turning around a couple of years down the track and pulling the funding out, causing major problems for councils.

"Originally the rate pegging was going to be set at three percent and the special rate variation was being set at 3.5 percent, but that has gone down to 2.4 percent and we can't go higher than that," he said.

Yvonne Clarke, director of Finance and Corporate Strategy, explained that local government cannot just decide to increase the rates above the rate peg and that councils have to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPRAT) to assess the rate increases in full or in part.

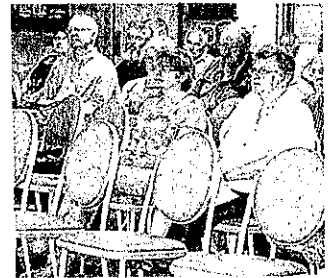
"In some cases they will not approve it at all if councils cannot fully justify why they are seeking this increase," she said.

"Each council must now prove that they are sustainable into the future, the State Government is calling it 'Fit for the Future'," she said.

According to Ms Clarke, Narromine Shire Council could lose \$3.5m over the next 10 years due to the four year freeze by the Federal Government to give any assistance.

"This is a lot of money for a small rural council to lose. This will result in operating deficits over this period and beyond," she said.

"The special rate variation will make up between \$2.5m to \$2.8m accumulative effects over the same period. There is still a shortfall but council plans to make this up by concentrating on operating



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"I think it irks people when council pulls an Oliver Twist on us and you say you want some more (money). We are all happy to pay some more but we would like to have a little common sense to prevail (from Council)."

Ex-councillor Bob Barnett spoke about 'efficiencies' and mentioned that he contacted an officer at IPRAT who was surprised that the process of consultation had not been started earlier by the Narromine Shire Council.

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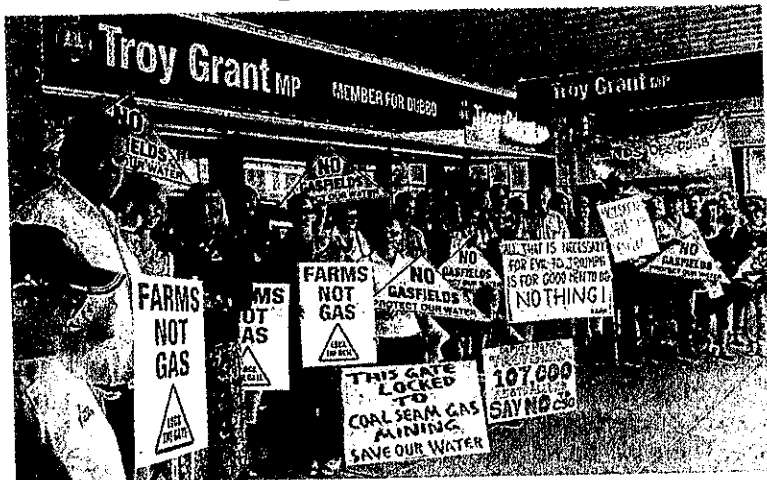
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apply to the State Government for an increase in the general rate to 'address ongoing operating deficits and offset interest payments on road infrastructure works'.

Council has held meetings in Tomingley (8-10 people attended), Trangie (70 people) and Narromine (50 people) to present their case.

The mood at the Tomingley meeting was low-key. Cr Tony Ellis told *Flat Chat News* that the general manager and the mayor explained what the rate increase meant and the people at the meeting accepted what they said.

The Trangie and Narromine meetings were contrary, with the audiences at both these meetings somewhat hostile to the prospect of a rate increase.

Trangie's meeting had a vote of 50 against the rate rise and 20 for it. The Trangie audience expressed concerns about council's systems and efficiencies.

The mayor, Cr Billy McAnally, the general manager, Greg Lamont, and other staff members faced around 50 Narromine residents last Thursday at the meeting held at the Narromine Golf Club.

At this meeting, as with the two previous meetings, Cr McAnally endeavoured to explain why the rate increases were necessary and that it is not councils decision perse but the latest 'incentive' from the State Government, the 'Fit for the Future' package.

"I think Narromine Shire Council can be efficient in the future and a financial council.

"I really think we have to give this (rate increase) a shot. There is nothing popular about rate increases or price rises. Along with the rate rise we are working on efficiencies and make sure we do complete jobs efficiently the first time, so we don't have to go back and do it again," Cr McAnally, said.

"We have also put in an application into the State Government for a low interest loan for \$3 million and which we

borrow more money, but I don't always agree with that," he said.

He explained that the State Government is very good at giving local government funding and then turning around a couple of years down the track and pulling the funding out, causing major problems for councils.

"Originally the rate pegging was going to be set at three percent and the special rate variation was being set at 3.5 percent, but that has gone down to 2.4 percent and we can't go higher than that," he said.

Yvonne Clarke, director of Finance and Corporate Strategy, explained that local government cannot just decide to increase the rates above the rate peg and that councils have to apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPRAT) to assess the rate increases in full or in part.

"In some cases they will not approve it at all if councils cannot fully justify why they are seeking this increase," she said.

"Each council must now prove that they are sustainable into the future, the State Government is calling it 'Fit for the Future'," she said.

According to Ms Clarke, Narromine Shire Council could lose \$3.5m over the next 10 years due to the four year freeze by the Federal Government to give any assistance.

"This is a lot of money for a small rural council to lose. This will result in operating deficits over this period and beyond," she said.

"The special rate variation will make up between \$2.5m to \$2.8m accumulative effects over the same period. There is still a shortfall but council plans to make this up by concentrating on operating efficiencies during that period.

"If the rate increase is approved, it will apply to the next two years, with the ending amount after that period will be the starting amount for the following year," said Ms Clarke.

The result of the special rate will be permanent after the two years.



Members of the community at the Narromine meeting with all councillors

In answer to a question from the floor Ms Clarke said that if the rate increase is approved other rates such as garbage, water etc., will still go up. All council charges go up every year in accordance to the CPI.

One retiree made the point that as a pensioner to get by 'you can cut food, cut travelling, cut entertainment but we can't cut your rates'.

Mark Beahan pointed out some of the fractured anomalies of bureaucratic planning wisdom.

"I would like to point out to the community and some of the councillors some of the things that have been going on in the last few years that are hurting ratepayers and business people.

"The area where we are in, Alagalah Street, with all the sheds,

was originally zoned industrial a without consultation with any of council rezoned it domestic," said.

Mr Behan explained that his shed and land was something he had intended to leave to his children investments.

"I wanted to leave it to my kids so that they could rent it out, but can't do that now because if I sell the shed down and stop work there for more than 12 months will no longer be classified as commercial property."

Mr Behan gave an eloquent description about council decision makers in general: "You have this slime swilling around in bowls of bureaucracy and one the cleaner comes in early turns the light on and one of the fit nuts gets an idea and away it

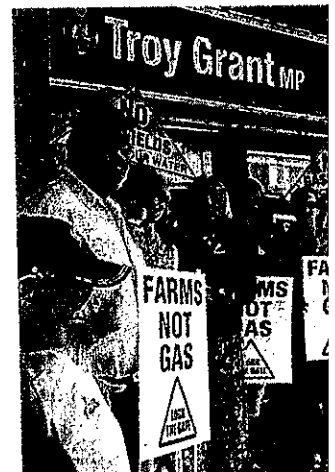
Sending clear message

THE 50 strong crowd at the protest at Troy Grant's office last week was well supported by Narromine Shire residents.

"Even though the PELA covering this area has been put on hold until after the election in March, we are still very concerned about the activity going ahead in the Pilliga," said Bev Hamilton one of the organisers.

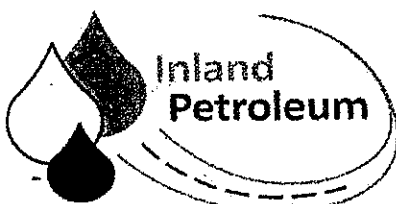
"Santos plans to establish 850 wells and associated pipelines in the Pilliga. This is right on the sandstone formations which is one of the recharge beds of the Great Artesian Basin in NSW, she said.

The people, businesses and whole communities of the state's northwest who rely totally on the Great Artesian Basin for their water will be the first to feel the impacts of this activity in the Pilliga. Serious contamination of



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"At the October meeting, Council decided to go with this process and as far as I can tell it does not appear that any costings were given to councillors. At the November meeting councillors decided to employ someone to work through the process for six weeks at a cost of \$39,000," he said.

Mr Barnett said that that amount represents about a quarter of what council would have got with the increase.

Mrs Susie Collett told council that she believed they had failed to make a case for the special rate rise through council's newsletter.

"You have given us why you think we should have a special rate rise but I don't

think you have made a case for the people who are running their business, their farms and families. There is no justification, just because you can't find efficiencies and your income is not covering your expenditure that you need more or should have more and we will pay forever. That is not a good rationale for doing anything," Mrs Collett said.

She pointed out to council that they did not show the figures to prove that Narromine Shire would be safe and financially stable in 10 years after the special rate increase.

"Amalgamation is used here more as a threat than a business management proposal and that's a sad

state of affairs. It should not be a threat and it should be a proper analysis of the benefits it could accrue if Dubbo, Wellington and Narromine were to be amalgamated.


"How can you possibly make a decision on anything for the future that is financially responsible if you don't look at that, because if down the road, if what you are proposing tonight does not work, we will all be a lot poorer," she said.

Ashley Gilchrest said he agreed with what Mrs Collett said and added, "In private enterprise the middle to upper level management, where a lot of money is spent on salaries, gets a bit of a clean out from time to time and a business seems to right itself.

"I think if we are going to be fit for the future, we need to lose a bit of fat, that's the way I see it," he said.

Cr McAnally said that it was not a forgone conclusion that the council will get the rate increase and asked people to send in submissions and to complete the survey.

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Closure of O'Neill Square: Council wishes to advise that due to work being undertaken in the area, Council has developed a traffic management plan which will necessitate the closure of O'Neill Square for a period. This closure was effective from Wednesday, 12th November, 2014. This traffic management plan has been developed in conjunction with the RMS due to the Mitchell Highway being located within the area of works. The purpose of closing O'Neill Square is for both the safety of the workers and also the safety of the traffic. The traffic speed will be reduced as well, and all heavy vehicles will be encouraged to use the new heavy vehicle route on the southern side of town for the duration of the work. Due to the closure of O'Neill Square, residents are advised that the bus stop will be temporarily relocated to in front of the Narromine Swimming Pool, Burroway Street. This area will be sign-posted for the information of passengers. Council thanks you for your co-operation in this matter.

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Next Council Meeting: The next Ordinary Meeting of Narromine Shire Council will be held today, Wednesday, 10 December, 2014 in Council's Chambers, commencing at 4.00 pm.

G Lamont: General Manager

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PINK PIGEON RACE

The Pink Pigeon Race is on once again! Come to Trangie on Saturday 3 January 2015 for a great day of "Pink" Cricket and Bowls. A 20/20 Cricket Challenge between Narromine District and Nyngan Cricket Clubs will take place at Burns Oval commencing 12 noon, followed by Twilight "Pink" Bowls at the Trangie Bowling Club commencing at 5.30 pm. A barbeque will be supplied by the Trangie Bowling Ladies. Then head to the Narromine Golf Club on Sunday 4 January 2015 for a 3 person Ambrose Golf Tournament commencing at 12 noon, followed by the Pigeon Auction/Calcutta at 7.00 pm. Two great fun days. On Thursday 8 January 2015, "Jane McGrath Day" of the Sydney Cricket Test, the famous Pink Pigeons will be released from Dundas Oval, Narromine, to race home to Trangie. McGrath Foundation merchandise available for sale at all events. A free community breakfast starting at 7.30 am will be provided, courtesy of our local sponsors. All money raised will go to the McGrath Foundation. Hope to see you there. Further information on any of the above events may be obtained by phoning Council on 6889 9999.

NARROMINE VACATION CARE

Narromine Vacation Care will be running for three weeks from Monday 5 January until Friday 23 January 2015.

Activities will include: Skate park, Narromine Swimming Pool, Art class with Susie Rae, cooking, water slide, wire art, bottle top art, a visit from some friendly pythons, library, quidding Jewellery, excursion to Dubbo Aquatic Centre and water slide, suncatchers, planting some vegetables, working with clay, making Anzac cookies and to finish, our Australia Day party.

Please contact us on 6889 1368 for bookings, or email - mvdc@narromine.nsw.gov.au

NARROMINE AUSTRALIA DAY 2015 – MARKET & CRAFT STALLS

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NARROMINE AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Narromine will celebrate Australia Day on 26 January 2015 with a Community festival at Dundas Park, Narromine, commencing with a free breakfast at 7.30 am. Activities will include various competitions such as watermelon eating, thong throwing, song writing competition, raffles, face painting, jumping castle, music, singing and much more. Come and meet our official Australia Day Ambassador, Professor Thomas Faunce, ANU College of Law and ANU College of Medicine Biology & Environment. There will be free entry into the Narromine Pool from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm on the day. Bring your own chair and be prepared to be entertained. A great family outing for the morning.

TRANGIE AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Trangie will be hosting a free Community Breakfast at the Trangie Bowling Club on Australia Day commencing at 8.00 am. A presentation of the Australia Day Awards will be taking place at approximately 10.30 am, and the official Australia Day Council Ambassador for Trangie is Lindy Hou, OAM, Paralympic Gold Medalist. There will be free entry to the Trangie Pool from 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm on the day. All very welcome!

NATIVE FISH STOCKING FOR MACQUARIE RIVER – FINGERLING RELEASE

Narromine Shire Council, in conjunction with the Macquarie Cotton Growers' Association, with matching funding from the Department of Primary Industries, will release approximately 4,500 Murray Cod and 6800 Golden Perch fingerlings into the Macquarie River on Thursday 22 January 2015. The first release will commence at approximately 10.00 am at the Narromine Boat ramp, followed by a second release, at approximately 11.30 am at the Trangie Ski Hole. Members of the public are invited to attend both these events.

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At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 10 December 2014, Council resolved to place the Draft Hardship Policy, and Draft Debt Recovery Policy on Public Exhibition for 28 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding these policies. These Draft Policies are available for viewing at Council's website: www.narromine.nsw.gov.au, at Council's Customer Service and Payments Centre, and Administration Building, Dandaloo Street, Narromine, the Narromine and Trangie Libraries and the BP Service Station Tomingley. Anyone wishing to make a comment on the Draft Hardship Policy and/or Draft Debt Recovery Policy can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Narromine Shire Council, PO Box 115, Narromine, NSW 2821. Comments or submissions will be received up to 5.00 pm Friday 23 January 2015.

Narromine Shire Council
Greg Lamont - General Manager



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NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

- Council's Administration Office and Customer Service and Payments Centre will close at 5.00 pm Wednesday, December 24, 2014 and will re-open at 8.30 am Friday January 2, 2015.
 - Macquarie Valley Family Day Care and Narromine Vacation Care will close at 4.30pm on Tuesday December 23 and will re-open at 8.30am on Monday January 5, 2015
 - Narromine Library will close at 3.00pm on Wednesday December 24 and will re-open at 10.30am on Monday December 29. The library will be open from 10.30am – 5.00pm that week. Closed Thursday January 1, 2015.
 - Trangie Library will close at 3.00pm on Wednesday December 24 and will re-open at 1.00pm on Monday December 29. Library hours that week will be Monday 1.00pm – 5.00pm, Wednesday 10.30am – 5.00pm and Friday 10.30am-5.00pm. Closed Tuesdays and Thursday January 1, 2015.
 - Waste Collection Trangie and Narromine - Narromine and Trangie kerbside waste collections will be unaffected over the Christmas/New Year period. Council wishes to remind residents that garbage and recycling bins are to be placed out for collection the night before.
 - Waste Depots – Closed Christmas Day
- For emergencies please call Council on 6889 9999

NARROMINE & TRANGIE POOL HOURS

Narromine Pool – Christmas Eve – closes at 6.00 pm. Christmas Day – closes Boxing Day – open 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm.
Trangie Pool – Christmas Eve – closes at 6.00 pm. Christmas Day – closes. Boxing Day – closed.
School Holiday Opening Hours as from Monday 22 December 2014:-
Narromine – 6.00 am – 8.00 am, & 10.00 am – 7.00 pm
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PINK PIGEON RACE

"We needed to consult with the community but we didn't have to get their support"

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A REPORT by Narromine Shire general manager, Greg Lamont, included an item back to council on the Special Rate Variation (SRV) consultation with the community in the December council meeting business paper.

Mr Lamont said that a letter was sent to all ratepayers, a survey process established and a series of public meetings held at Tomingley, Trangie and Narromine where presentations were provided.

'The overall response has been positive as long as council can continue to improve efficiency levels and provide "value for money" to the community,' the report said.

In his summary he stated that the community has been extremely insightful and beneficial. The presence of the majority of councillors at the presentations has demonstrated to the community that council believes the catch up increase is necessary for council to become a "Fit for the Future" entity.

"We needed to consult with the community but we didn't have to get their support," he



■Greg Lamont.

told councillors.

Mr Lamont appears to have misjudged the sentiment of the communities regarding the SRV as the response reported by both local papers has shown the communities do not want the proposed rate rise. Both local papers have reported the response from the communities after these meetings, with *Flat Chat News*' message through its "Efficiencies and trim the fat message", and the Narromine News' story which emphatically states: It's a "No, at Trangie".

Perhaps Mr Lamont was at different meetings from the rest of the community in relation to the SRV, Ed.

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Swimming Pool Compliance: Sale and Lease Provisions for properties with swimming pools commence on **29 April, 2015.** Properties with a swimming pool that are sold or leased must have a Certificate of Compliance. Don't leave it until the last moment – it can take up to 90 days before a child resistant barrier is brought up to standard and a certificate of compliance can be issued. The NSW Government is working with Royal Life Saving, NSW, to promote pool safety through the "Pool Be Safe" Campaign. For further information on Swimming Pool Compliance, please contact Council on 6889 9999, or visit the Office of Local Government's website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au

G Lamont , General Manager, Narromine Shire Council

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Council Notes

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NARROMINE NEWS
10-12-14



COUNCIL COLUMN

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

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"I'll miss the people. I intend to keep in touch with the doctors and our friends in Narromine.

"It's been a wonderful place for us to rear our family."

Dr Wright is looking forward to the move as well.

"I'll be reducing my hours. I can ride my motorbikes around the sea-side and hills in Newcastle," he smiled.

Dr Wright said many thanks were to be given to those who work in health in Narromine.

"I'll miss working with the excellent staff at the Narromine Hospital and the practice staff," he said.

"In particular I'd like to thank Wendy Harding for organising me for 20 years and letting me look after patients."

Dr Wright's patients will be looked after by Dr McCarthy from Warren who will now work out of Narromine.

"I've had a lot to do with him for 20 years," Dr Wright said.

He leaves some parting advice with the residents of Narromine:

"Behave yourself," Dr Wright smiled "And I'll try to do the same myself."



NARROMINE NEWS &
TAMMIE ADVOCATE
19-11-2014

Community feedback sought on proposal to raise general rate

NARROMINE NEWS 19-11-14

Council will be consulting with the community regarding a proposed application to the State Government for an increase in general rate income by way of a Special Rate Variation.

"Council is seeking community feedback as to whether we should apply for a special variation to the rate income we receive each year," advised Narromine Mayor, Cr Bill McAnally.

"The proposed increase addresses recommendations in recent NSW State Government reviews and is important for long-term financial sustainability and to maintain council services to the community as council strives to be "Fit for the Future".

The funds raised by the proposed Special Rate Variation will be used to address ongoing operating deficits, offset interest payments on road infrastructure works under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme subsidy program, and to address the revenue shortfall resulting from the Federal Government's recent decision to

freeze payments to councils for Federal Assistance Grants.

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If the proposal proceeds, there would be a limit of two years of increases at 6.5 per cent for 2015/16 and 2016/17 which include the normal rate peg increase.

It is proposed that the increases will be held as a permanent increase to rates.

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The proposed increase addresses recommendations in recent NSW State Government reviews and is important for long term financial sustainability and to maintain Council services to the community as Council strives to be "Fit for the Future".

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Please contact us on 6889 1368 for bookings, or email to: myfido@narromine.nsw.gov.au

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- NOVEMBER

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DETERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATIONS

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DA No.	Location	LOT/DP	Description	Class
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24/15	Algalah Street	2/814186	Fence	10a
25/15	Sissian Road	61/755105	Shed	10a
26/15	McNamara Lane	9/1002601	Train Carriage Accommodation – Use Only	N/A
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Narromine Shire Council Christmas Office Closure:

Council's Administration Office and Customer Service and Payments Centre will close at 5.00pm, Wednesday, December 24, 2014, and will re-open at 8.30am, Friday, January 2, 2015.

Macquarie Valley Family Day Care and Narromine Vacation Care will close at 4.30pm on Tuesday, December 23, and will re-open at 8.30am, Monday, January 5, 2015.

Narromine Library will close at 3.00pm on Wednesday, December 24 and will re-open at 10.30am on Monday, December 29. The library will be open from 10.30am – 5.00pm each day that week. Closed Thursday, January 1, 2015.

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Waste Collection Trangie and Narromine – Narromine and Trangie kerbside waste collections will be unaffected over the Christmas/New Year period. Council wishes to remind residents that garbage and recycling bins are to be placed out for collection the night before.

Waste Depots – Closed Christmas Day

For emergencies please call Council on 6889 9999

Narromine Vacation Care: Narromine Vacation Care will be running for three weeks from **Monday, 5 January until Friday, 23 January, 2015**. Activities will include: Skate park, Narromine swimming pool, art class with Susie Rae, cooking, water slide, wire art, bottle top art, a visit from some friendly pythons, library, Quandong jewellery, excursion to Dubbo Aquatic Centre and water slide, sun-catchers, planting some vegetables, working with clay, making Anzac cookies and to finish, our Australia Day party. Please contact us on 68891368 for bookings, or email to: mvfdc@narromine.nsw.gov.au.

Australia Day Celebrations: Narromine will celebrate Australia Day on 26 January, 2015, with a community festival at Dundas Park, Narromine, commencing with a free breakfast at 7.30am. Activities will include various competitions such as watermelon eating, thong throwing, song writing competition, raffles, face painting, jumping castle, music, singing and much more. Come and meet our official Australia Day Ambassador, Professor Thomas Faunce, ANU College of Law and ANU College of Medicine Biology & Environment. There will be free entry into the Narromine and Trangie pools from 11.00am to 4.00pm on the day. Bring your own chair and be prepared to be entertained. A great family outing for the morning.

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Native Fish Stocking for Macquarie River – Fingerling Release: Narromine Shire Council, in conjunction with the Macquarie Cotton Growers' Association, with matching funding from the Department of Primary Industries, will release roughly 4,500 Murray Cod and 6,800 Golden Perch fingerlings into the Macquarie River on **Thursday, 22 January, 2015**. The first release will commence around 10.00am at the Narromine boat ramp, followed by a second release at approximately 11.30am at the Trangie Ski Hole. Members of the public are invited to attend both these events.

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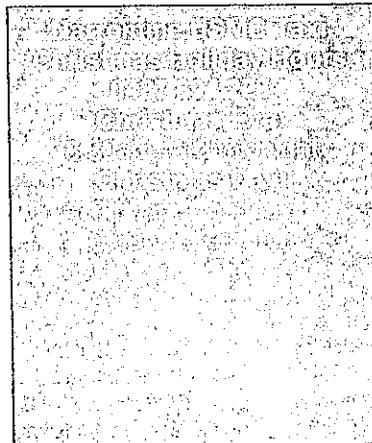
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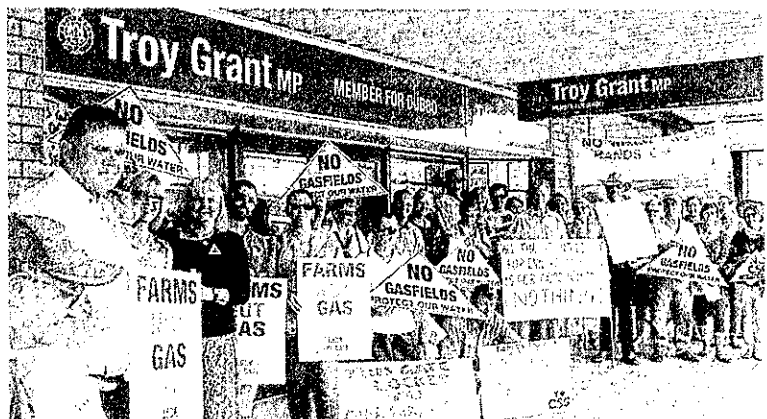
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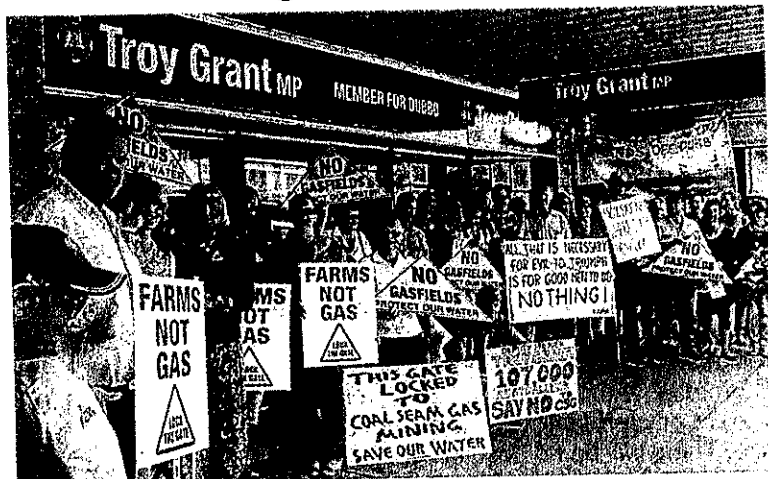
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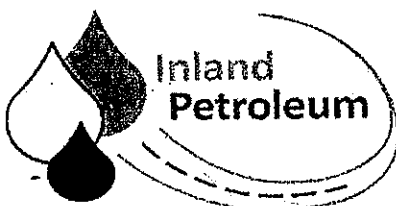
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Mr Barnett said that that amount represents about a quarter of what council would have got with the increase.

Mrs Susie Collett told council that she believed they had failed to make a case for the special rate rise through council's newsletter.

"You have given us why you think we should have a special rate rise but I don't

think you have made a case for the people who are running their business, their farms and families. There is no justification, just because you can't find efficiencies and your income is not covering your expenditure that you need more or should have more and we will pay forever. That is not a good rationale for doing anything," Mrs Collett said.

She pointed out to council that they did not show the figures to prove that Narromine Shire would be safe and financially stable in 10 years after the special rate increase.

"Amalgamation is used here more as a threat than a business management proposal and that's a sad

state of affairs. It should not be a threat and it should be a proper analysis of the benefits it could accrue if Dubbo, Wellington and Narromine were to be amalgamated.


"How can you possibly make a decision on anything for the future that is financially responsible if you don't look at that, because if down the road, if what you are proposing tonight does not work, we will all be a lot poorer," she said.

Ashley Gilchrest said he agreed with what Mrs Collett said and added, "In private enterprise the middle to upper level management, where a lot of money is spent on salaries, gets a bit of a clean out from time to time and a business seems to right itself.

"I think if we are going to be fit for the future, we need to lose a bit of fat, that's the way I see it," he said.

Cr McAnally said that it was not a forgone conclusion that the council will get the rate increase and asked people to send in submissions and to complete the survey.

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Letter to the Editor



Re: Special Rate Variation (SRV) application.

A quote from the general manager regarding the Special Rate Variation for Narromine Shire Council: 'We needed to consult with the community, but we didn't have to get their support'.

Really? how amazing!; I wonder, Mr GM, if the community put enough into their submissions to IPART (the body who makes the final decision as to whether the shire will obtain the SRV) will they agree with you.

The community is already annoyed by your flippant remarks and behaviour – you are not even a ratepayer in this shire.

This shire is fed up with all the talk and no action; and why would we support this idea when we are not getting more productivity and efficiencies with present rates.

Yes, we all know 'there are no free lunches today', but we do expect to have decent roads for our farmers to carry out their business. And we must encourage people to take pride of ownership and want the towns to grow; not have a council 'on the nose' state-wide, in fact country-wide – no wonder we can't attract new and good staff to apply for vacancies or attract new businesses to the shire.

The GM's interpretation of the public meetings on the SRV, and I quote: 'The overall response has been positive as long as council can continue to improve efficiency levels and provide value for money', begs some belief to say the least. What the community wants to see is what they get for their present rates before there is any SRV, especially of the magnitude council is suggesting.

Take a look at the cenotaph debacle and the cost of same, not to mention all the inaccuracies of the Barnsons' report. They (Barnsons) didn't even do their research properly and of course council didn't do anything about correcting them. This is a prime example of inefficiency! This shire is not made of money to waste.

Gai Wilson, Narromine

The first *Flat Chat News* for 2015 will be on
Wednesday, 21 January and the deadline is Wednesday 14.
The Office of *Flat Chat News* will open on Monday, 12 January.
Ph 6889 13000 or 0429 892944

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Have your say on rate variation proposal

COUNCIL NOTES

Proposed Special Rate Variation - Have Your Say

Your feedback is invited on an important initiative by council to apply for a special rate variation.

A range of reviews are being conducted into how councils can remain viable and strong while maintaining the current range of services to the community. Council is assessing all options available to achieve financial sustainability and to be "Fit for the Future".

Council resolved at its October meeting to consult with our community about applying to the state government for a proposed Special Rate Variation for two years to ensure our financial sustainability.

If the proposal for a Special Rate proceeds, there would be an increase in the general rate of 6.5 per cent for 2015/16 and 6.5 per cent for 2016/17 which include the annual assumed rate peg increase. This represents a cumulative increase of 13.42 per cent over the two years. (In comparison, without the special rate variation, the general rate would increase by the standard assumed rate of 3 per cent per annum or a cumulative increase of 6.09 per cent over the two years).

The proposed special rate variation would mean that the average residential rate will increase by around \$40 per year for two years. You can check the impact on your own rates on the "Rate Checker" on council's website.

It is proposed that the increases will be held as a permanent increase to rates. From 2017/18 onwards only the normal rate peg increase will apply.

The funds raised by a proposed Special Rate Variation will be used to address possible operating deficits, offset interest payments

on road infrastructure works under the Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme program and to address the revenue shortfall resulting from the Federal Government's recent decision to freeze payments to councils for Federal Assistance Grants (FAG).

More information on the proposed Special Rate Variation is available on Council's website at www.narromine.nsw.gov.au

Have your say - How to provide feedback?

This is an important initiative and we encourage feedback from all ratepayers and residents of the Narromine Shire through one or more of the following opportunities:

Public meetings are being held to provide an opportunity for questions, more information and to discuss the proposal -

• Tomingley Community Hall on December 1 2014 - 6pm to 7pm

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• Narromine Golf Club on December 4 2014 - 6pm to 7pm

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Relocation of Venue for Venetian Carnival - Council wishes to advise that due to work currently being undertaken at O'Neill Square, Narromine, Tom Perry Park will not be used as the venue for the

Lions Club Venetian Carnival. The new venue will be Dundas Park, Mitchell Highway Narromine. The date and activities will remain the same - Wednesday December 3 2014. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused.

Closure of O'Neill Square -

Council wishes to advise that due to work being undertaken in the area, council has developed a traffic management plan which will necessitate the closure of O'Neill Square for a period. This closure will be effective from Wednesday November 12, 2014. This traffic management plan has been developed in conjunction with the RMS due to the Mitchell Highway being located within the area of works.

The purpose of closing O'Neill Square is for both the safety of the workers and also the safety of the traffic. The traffic speed will be reduced as well and all heavy vehicles will be encouraged to use the new heavy vehicle route on the southern side of town for the duration of the work

O'Neill Square Bus Stop - The bus stop normally located at O'Neill Square (Stop number 2) has been relocated to in front of the Narromine Swimming Pool on Burraway Street for the duration of the proposed civil works. This change starts Wednesday November 12 2014. Pick-ups will still take place from the taxi rank, and drop-offs will be at the Narromine Pool. Council apologises for any inconvenience.

Australia Day Awards - 2015 -

Council is now seeking nominations for Australia Day Awards 2015 in the following categories:

• Citizen of the Year
• Young Citizen of the Year
• Community Event of the Year
• Sports person of the Year
• Junior Sports person of the Year
• Children's Champion Award

Residents are urged to nominate people and organisations who have made a difference in the community, or have achieved in sport. Award nomination forms can be downloaded from council's website: www.narromine.nsw.gov.au, or obtained from council's administration building, 124 Dandaloo Street, Narromine, and Council's Customer Service and Payments Centre, 120 Dandaloo Street, Narromine. Nominations for the 2015 awards close on Friday December 12 2014 at 5pm and the recipients will be announced at the Australia Day celebrations across the shire on January 26 2015.

Further information may be obtained by phoning council on 6889 9999.

Narromine Australia Day 2015 - Market and Craft Stalls - If any residents or organisations would like to participate in Narromine Australia Day 2015 celebrations, by conducting a market or craft stall, now is the time to contact council to book a site. There will be no cost for the hiring of the site, just provide your own marquee, table etc. For further information, contact Narromine Shire Council on 6889 9999.

2014/2015 NSW/ACT Young Achiever Awards - Nominations are now open for the 2014/2015 NSW/ACT Young Achiever Awards. These awards recognise young achievers aged 12 years to 28 years from the community in various categories. These awards also give the community a chance to say thank you to these young people for going that extra mile. The categories are:

• The Australian Super Career Kick Start Award
• The Santos Indigenous Achievement Award
• The Australian National University Science Leadership Award

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The Coffee Club Arts & Fashion Award

The Barcard Leadership & Innovation Award

The Who Printing Environment & Sustainability Award

The Freemasons of NSW & ACT Community Service Award

Recognise, reward and acknowledge a young achiever.

Award winners will receive \$2000 and a hand-crafted glass trophy.

Nominations close Thursday December 4 2014. Should you wish for more information or to nominate a young achiever please contact the awards office on 1300 735 445 or nominate online at www.awardsaustralia.com

Documents on Public Exhibition - 2014/2015 Fees & Charges

At the ordinary meeting of council held November 12 2014, council resolved to increase the refundable security deposit fee for hiring Triangle Showground facilities from \$250 to \$500 in the adopted fees and charges for 2014/2015 and place the draft fee change on public exhibition for 28 days. Council is required to notify the public and provide the opportunity for submissions regarding this amendment to 2014/2015 Fees & Charges. Anyone wishing to make a comment on the amended Fees & Charges 2014/2015 can do so in writing addressed to the General Manager, Narromine Shire Council, PO Box 115, Narromine, NSW, 2821. Comments or submissions will be received up to 5pm Wednesday December 17 2014.

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Greg Lamont General Manager

It's a 'no' at Trangie

NARROMINE NEWS 5-12-14

GRACE RYAN

The Trangie community voted against the special rate variation during a public consultation meeting on Tuesday night.

Trangie residents gathered at the bowling club to meet with the Mayor Bill McAnally, General Manager Greg Lamont, Chief Financial Officer Yvonne Clarke and other members of council to discuss the potential rate increase for the next two financial years.

Council has proposed a 3.5 per cent increase on next year's rates on top of the usual CPI Rate Pegging of three per cent.

Council is currently consulting with the community as part of its application. It believes the rate increase is necessary to qualify for the Fit for the Future package proposed by the current state government.

"We're a stand-alone council and we've proved it. But we need to make these decisions before someone else does," Cr McAnally said.

The rate variation was not well received by a number of people at the Trangie consultation meeting.

Trangie resident Col Hamilton questioned whether Narromine Shire could work separately to the state government.

"What happens if you tell the State Government to get nicked and run your own show and we really scale back and run like a business?" he asked.

Cr McAnally said he didn't believe it would work on the rates the council currently received.

"Rates income revenue is \$6.5 million and money from the state government in grants and contributions is around \$10 million," CFO Mrs Clarke said.

Many Trangie residents questioned the council's systems and asked whether the council was running efficiently.

Resident Kevin Flynn put the question to the panel.

"The vibes I'm getting are all about efficiencies. I've studied this newsletter at length and once it mentions efficiencies, Yvonne mentioned it once in her address. We know the federal government is in debt of about \$30 billion; the state government owes a lot of money and it's filtering through the system.

"It's exactly the same as any household, if you're spending more than what you're bringing in, something's got to give. I believe what Narromine Shire Council needs to do is have a really good look at the efficiencies," he said.

The majority of the crowd agreed with him.

Mrs Clarke outlined the special rate variation is one way council could accumulate the funds to be Fit for the Future. Other options include reducing services or selling non-core assets.

"What are the alternatives? Council can reduce services,

always hard. What is an essential service to one part of the community is not to the other. Option two is sustaining our services but increasing our fees and charges, how much can we charge for the hire of a hall or using our facilities when it becomes too high and no one wants to use it at all?

"Another option is selling off the non-core assets. This will become a problem when you decide what is a non-core asset and who do we sell it to?" She asked.

Despite the negative reaction to the proposition Cr McAnally maintains it's the best option for council.

"The federal government has no money, the state government has no money and they're looking at us to maintain services. It's still a rate rise and it's a very hard thing to sell," he said.

The application will be made to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal next year and it has the power to reject the additional rate variation.

Cr McAnally encourages community members to make submissions regarding the variation to council so they can submit them with their application.

Public consultation meetings were held in Tomingley on Monday and Narromine yesterday.

NARROMINE NEWS & TRANGIE

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contact Narromine Shire Council or to visiting the museum Companion Animals Micro-chip the coming weeks and companion animals are to be micro-chipping up with the Committee pet is lost, a micro-chip is the only expansion plans.



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Greg Lamont
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COUNCIL COLUMN

NATIVE FISH STOCKING FOR MACQUARIE RIVER – FINGERLING RELEASE

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COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

Council would like to advise residents that the Administration building and the Customer Service and Payments Centre will be closed on Monday 26 January 2015 for Australia Day. For any urgent matters, please phone 6889 9999 and your call will be directed to the on call person.

Narromine Shire Council
Greg Lamont – General Manager

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COUNCIL COLUMN

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NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL SPECIAL RATE VARIATION PROPOSAL - UPDATE

In consideration of the feedback received and financial requirements, Council resolved at its December 2014 meeting to reduce the proposal for Special Rate Variation to a 5.9% rate increase for 2015/16 (comprising the 2.4% rate peg as now determined by the State Government for 2015 plus an additional 3.5%) and 6.5% for 2016/17 (comprising 3% typical rate peg plus an additional 3.5%). This variation gives Council \$170,000 income in the first year and \$185,000 income in the second year.

In summary, if the proposal proceeds, there would be two years of increases to general rates from 2015/16 to 2016/17. In the following year (ie 2017/18) the revised total rate would increase by the normal rate pegging percentage (estimated at 3% per annum). This means that the increases for 2015/16 and 2016/17 remain as a permanent increase to general rates.

The cumulative percentage increase to rates over the two years will be 12.78%, whereas without the Special Rate Variation of the additional 3.5%, the cumulative increase over the two years would be 5.47%.

The proposed increase addresses recommendations in recent NSW State Government reviews and is important for long term financial sustainability and to maintain Council services to the community as Council strives to be "Fit for the Future".

More information on the proposed Special Rate Variation is available on Council's website www.narromine.nsw.gov.au. The community is encouraged to provide feedback by completing a survey or sending a written submission to Council.

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Narromine Shire Council
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Congratulations to all who received Australia Day award



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Documents on Public Exhibition - Draft Hardship Policy and Draft Debt Recovery Policy - Council has resolved to place the Draft Hardship Policy, and Draft Debt Recovery Policy on Public Exhibition for 28 days. These Draft Policies are available for viewing at Council's website: www.narromine.nsw.gov.au, at Council's Offices, the Narromine and Trangie Libraries and the Tomingley BP Service Station. Comments on the Draft policies should be in writing addressed to the General Manager, Narromine Shire Council, PO Box 115, Narromine, NSW, 2821 and will be received up to 5.00 pm Friday 23 January 2015.

Expression of Interest - Removal of Trangie Pool House - Council is calling for expressions of interest to purchase and remove the Trangie pool house, located at 49-51 Harris Street Trangie. The purchaser will be obliged to arrange for the removal of all of the Asbestos from the building prior to transport, this must be achieved with the consultation of WorkCover and a final Hygienist report issued to Council. The site must be remediated back to a bare site at the purchaser's cost by the capping or termination of all electrical and plumbing connections and the removal of any building waste materials. All expressions of interest should be marked "Confidential Trangie Pool House Removal" and may be lodged in Council's Tender box at 124 Dandaloo Street, Narromine or sent by mail to PO Box 115, Narromine, NSW 2821. For more information please contact Council's Manager Community Facilities on 6889 9999. All submissions must be received by 5pm Friday 6 February 2015.

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