

Issue 1, March 2018

From the Mayor's Office Mayor Neville Kschenka

It has been an excellent start to 2018 with Australia Day celebrations in Barellan, Grong Grong and Narrandera. Our guest of honour Dr Stepan Kerkyasharian was very impressed with the events he attended, in particular with the Grong Grong festivities.

Australia Day was quickly followed by the Queens Baton Relay

passing through town, what a proud moment for Narrandera being part of such a unique event. Congratulations to all of our baton bearers who battled the heat to relay the baton towards its final destination. To the organisers, the event would not have been the success it was without you, and to all the wonderful supporters who came along and cheered everyone on, thank you.

In recent weeks NSC General Manager, George Cowan, and I attended the Narrandera Tafe Campus for the 'Turning of the Sod' at the new Connected Learning Centre facility site, along with Assistant Minister for Skills, Adam Marshall, and Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke. The new development is an excellent outcome after previous suggestions in recent years about the possibility of selling the Narrandera Tafe Buildings.

Afterwards, we were able to accompany Minister Marshall and Ms Cooke to Marie Bashir Park and highlight several of the exciting projects included in the Stronger Country Communities Round One grant submission which are set to be announced early this month. The Stronger Country Communities Round Two will open for submissions from 12 March for eight weeks, please contact Council for further information.

We had the pleasure of welcoming newly appointed President of LGNSW, Linda Scott, and CEO, Donna Rygate, to Narrandera Shire. It was a wonderful opportunity to discuss our Shire and areas where LGNSW can advocate on our behalf to State and Federal Government to see improvements to issues like policing, flood restoration funding and services to the community including the Narrandera Hospital.

This month we have some fantastic events on the calendar for both locals and visitors to the Shire, including the Ian Lucas Memorial Bike Ride, the John O'Brien Festival and the Annual Narrandera Rod Run. These are events that we can all look forward to enjoying, and for further details please check out the 'What's On' calendar on our tourism website www.narrandera.com.au

That's all for now... *Mayor Kschenka*

Next Ordinary Meeting of Council
2pm Tuesday 20 March 2018

Have Your Say

The Narrandera Shire Council website is currently under review for redevelopment. To assist Council, a community survey has been developed to give you the opportunity to have your say about what improvements and new functions the website needs to increase usability, communication and interaction with Council. The survey is accessible from the Council website homepage: www.narrandera.nsw.gov.au. A link is on the NSC Facebook page and hard copies are available at Council Chambers. Please complete the survey and return it to Chambers or submit online by 30 March 2018. We greatly appreciate your input!

Latest News

Round One of the Stronger Country Communities Fund will be announced this month. The projects proposed included various works at Marie Bashir Park and new change room facilities at the Barellan Sport ground. Round Two SCCF will be open for applications from 12 March for eight weeks with an increased focus on sporting infrastructure and an expanded scope of eligible projects to include street beautification and 'place making' activities, as well as general community amenity projects that help boost the liveability of our local community. For more information contact the Council Projects Team on 02 6959 5510 or visit: www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities.

Council representatives recently met with the new Local Government NSW President, Linda Scott, and Chief Executive, Donna Rygate, to discuss local issues for Narrandera Shire including policing, Local Government procurement, Joint Organisation funding, flood damage methodology, decentralisation and services in the area such as the hospital. It was an excellent opportunity to build a stronger relationship between LGNSW and NSC and enhance the potential for LGNSW to advocate to State and Federal Government for improvements.

Narrandera Visitor Information Centre

26 Cadell Street (Newell Highway), Narrandera NSW 2700
Open: 10am – 5pm Monday to Friday, 10am – 4pm Saturday and
Public Holidays and 10am – 2pm Sundays



Phone: (02) 6959 5545
Email: touristcentre@narrandera.nsw.gov.au



what's on

Narrandera
surround yourself

Council recently completed the Festoon Lighting Upgrade along East Street Narrandera and it looks fantastic! The project was completed after hours over a four week period and the entire cost of the replacement will be recovered in the next three years, due to the decrease in electricity costs from using LED light bulbs. Remember to head down the main street at night and check them out!

Positions Vacant

If you are interested in working or volunteering at Narrandera Shire Council then please come in and speak with our Human Resources Team, or call us on 02 6959 5510 to discuss the possible pathways for a career at Council. All available roles are advertised on our website and Facebook page, and listed in the Narrandera Argus and regional papers.

Works This Month

Open Space & Recreation Works

- Turf renovations are being completed at the front of the Memorial Gardens
- Staff will identify tree planting opportunities within the Shire, while also selecting what tree species will be used to replace existing trees slated for removal during the 2017-2018 period.
- Preparation of Narrandera Sportsground for the start of the 2018 RFL season
- Preparation of Marie Bashir Park and Memorial Gardens prior to John O'Brien Festival
- Fertilising of Narrandera Lawn Cemetery
- Trees planting this season with continue watering twice weekly as part of the watering replacement program
- Regular mowing, gardening and watering schedules

Water & Sewer Works

- Continued construction of a Water and Sewer Storage Shed at the Council Depot
- Hydrant and Valve Replacements
- Rising Main Isolation
- Staff will utilise Computer software to create a model of the Water network, from which they will be able to undertake testing of proposed changes and designs before actioning them on the water network
- Undertaking maintenance on the reservoirs including proofing to prevent contamination from wildlife
- The Primary Filter at the Sewer Treatment Plant will be upgraded to improve performance

Ian Lucas Memorial Bike and Hike

Saturday 10 March from 9am
Grong Grong Sports Club
Ride to Matong and return, or part there of, or a walk to Bundidgerry Channel and back.

Creative Projects

Saturday 10 March, 10am - 3pm
Arts Hub at Narrandera Railway Station
Bring along any projects you are working on and join in the fun with NACNET.

Fusion's Bright Run

Saturday 10 March, 7pm - 10pm
Marie Bashir Park, Narrandera
A family friendly event including pre-run activities, a 5km glowing run including black light tunnel, and dance party!

Railway Station Browse n
Brunch Markets

Sunday 11 March, 8am - 12pm
Narrandera Railway Station Platform
Browse the market with cooking, books, crafts, clothes, take-away food and hidden treasures. Barista coffee and breakfast rolls to share with friends.

Life in the Country - Opening

Wednesday 14 March 7pm
Narrandera CRC Plaza Theatre & Hall

continuing 15 to 17 March daily from 10am to 7pm. A photography exhibition by the Narrandera Camera Club.

John O'Brien Festival Bingo
Friday 16 March 6pm
John O'Brien Hall - A fundraiser for the John O'Brien Museum.

John O'Brien Bush Festival
Friday 16 March to Sunday 18 March
Various Venues throughout Narrandera
The John O'Brien Bush Festival showcases the works of John O'Brien and other bush poets and musicians from across Australia.

Psansky Easter Egg Workshop
Sunday 18 12pm to 4pm and
Wednesday 21 March 5pm to 9pm
Arts Hub and the Railway Station.
Come along a decorate Easter Eggs using a traditional Ukrainian technique.

The Barber of Seville Opera
Saturday 24 March 7.30pm to 10pm
Paradise Palladium Theatre, Morundah
A operatic comedy set in outback Australia.

Narrandera Rod Run

Crusin' No Boozing
Saturday 31 March 5pm to 9pm
East Street Narrandera. Come and watch beautifully restored Hot Rods cruising along East Street.

For more activities in Narrandera Shire visit narrandera.com.au



[narrandera.tourism](https://www.facebook.com/narrandera.tourism)

Narrandera Shire Council's

PLANNING AND INFORMATION DAY

Please come and join
Narrandera's Community Transport and
Home Support Programs for a planning and
information day. You are invited to provide
feedback and suggestions. Presentation from
Meals on Wheels. Light refreshments
provided.

For more information, or to book transport
phone Community Transport 6959 5555

When: 20 March, 2018
17 Twynam Street Narrandera
(next to Fire Station)
Time: 11am - 1pm