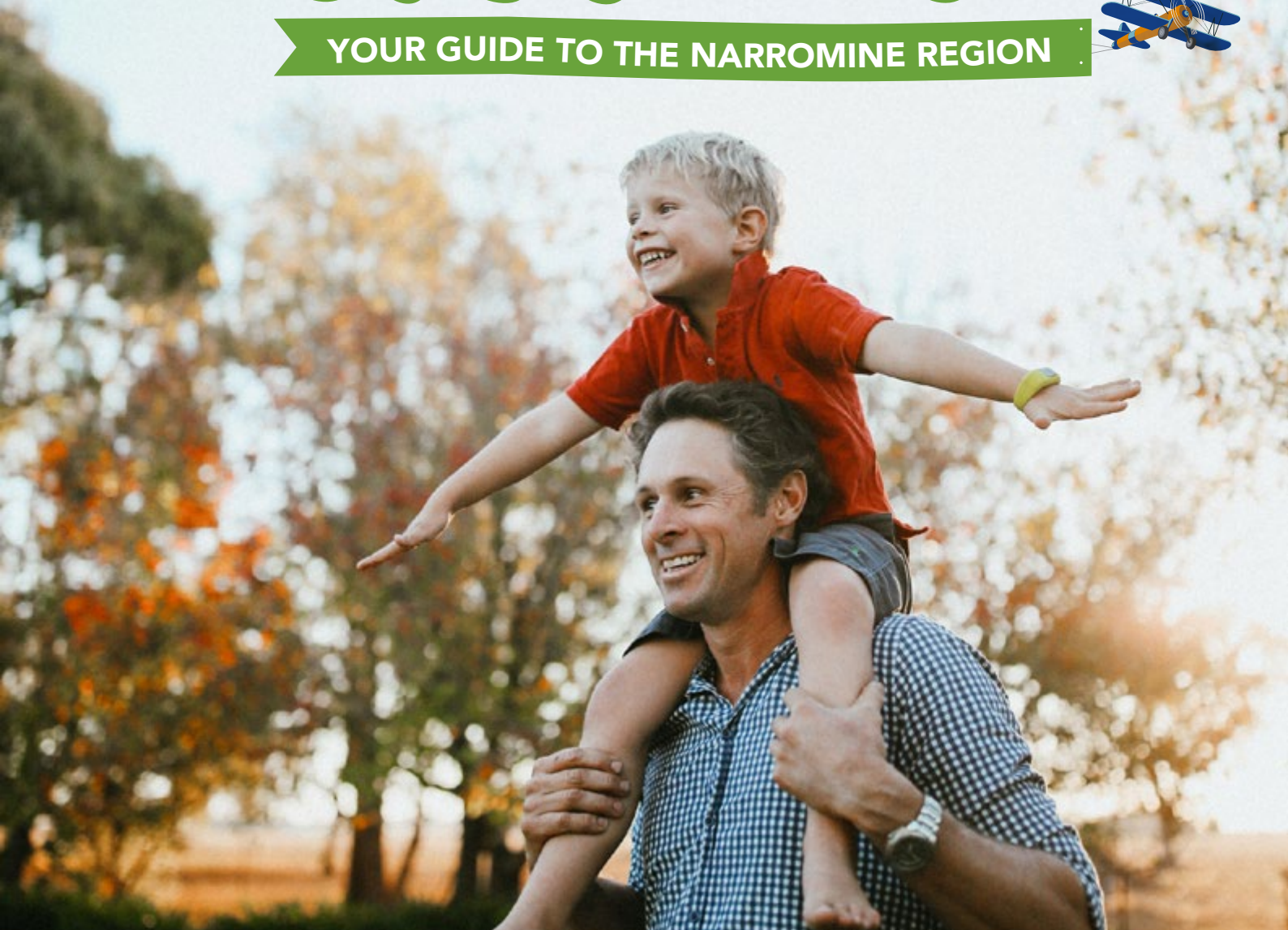


# welcome

YOUR GUIDE TO THE NARROMINE REGION



NARROMINE | TRANGIE | TOMINGLEY



WELCOME

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TO THE NARROMINE REGION



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## Welcome home

Welcome to the Narromine Region in the rich Macquarie Valley. You have chosen an area of great opportunity and strong communities. Our Region welcomes those who share our future vision and who wish to be participants in the growth story of a region that has so much to offer.

We are strategically located in the centre of NSW with highway access to all major Australian cities and with Inland rail connected to all major ports. Only 450km from Sydney and halfway between Melbourne and Brisbane, we are ideally located for commercial ventures.

Sport is ever present and our ovals are of an impressively high standard. We look forward to welcoming you into the community.

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

## Acknowledgment of Country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and pay respect to the Elders, past present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions and culture of the land where we meet today, and extend that respect to the Aboriginal Community and all Aboriginal people present.



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WELCOME



# THE NARROMINE REGION

- > 6,444 PEOPLE
- > AREA OF 5,224 KM<sup>2</sup>
- > NARROMINE, TRANGIE & TOMINGLEY
- > 450 KMS WEST OF SYDNEY
- > 30 MINS TO DUBBO

Reasons to make Narromine Region home:

- Enjoy low density housing
- Excellent retail and financial services
- Access to modern public and private hospital
- Choice of local medical practitioners
- Outstanding sporting facilities
- Spectacular natural attractions
- A community with spirit and a sense of pride
- Rural communities and/or country lifestyle options
- Affordable housing
- Access to excellent education facilities
- A wonderful climate
- Family friendly facilities and activities



The Narromine Region is home to approximately 6,444 people, mostly concentrated in the towns Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley with the remainder residing in rural areas. Situated in central west NSW in the heart of the Macquarie Valley and on the banks of the Macquarie River, Narromine Region covers an area of 5,224km<sup>2</sup>.

Residents of the Narromine Region enjoy a fantastic work/life balance and a strong sense of community spirit. The Region features affordable housing; excellent retail, trade and financial services; modern health services; outstanding sporting facilities; unique natural attractions and excellent educational facilities.

The main employer in the Region is Agriculture followed by health and education. The Region is renowned for producing quality grain, cotton and fruit for the export and domestic markets and is home to a number of large-scale businesses including;

- Large-scale plant breeding and seed production companies
- Machinery manufacturers
- Engineering and fabrication workshops
- Aerial agricultural and aircraft maintenance
- Agriculture Research Station; and a
- Gold mine

Narromine, Trangie and Tomingley are all located within a 45-minute drive of the major regional centre of Dubbo, allowing convenient transport links to other major cities via air, road and rail. The Region is located only 450km west of Sydney, 850 kms south of Brisbane, 820km north of Melbourne and 400km north west of Canberra. Dubbo City Regional Airport offers regular flights to Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Newcastle and Broken Hill.

The Macquarie River runs through the centre of the Region and is a popular location for fishing, water skiing, canoeing, swimming and other water activities as well as picnics.

The region has a temperate climate with highest temperatures from November to March. The average maximum temperature is 33 degrees and average minimum of 15 degrees.





## NARROMINE

Narromine is a family focused town with a population of 3,500. It is located in the Central West of NSW, a short 30-minute drive from the regional city of Dubbo. Its economy is centred on agriculture but also supports a number of other industries including health and education.

Narromine is famous for its aviation and sporting history; home to sporting legends Glenn McGrath, David Gillespie and Patrick McCutcheon. Residents have access to a range of sporting and recreational facilities including tennis and squash courts, 50m swimming pool, 18-hole golf course and many more. Operating since 1920, Narromine Aerodrome is home to the oldest Aero Club in regional Australia, the Narromine Aviation Museum, various gliding and flying schools and clubs, as well as a number of aviation based businesses. The Aviation Museum houses the world's only replica of a 1907 Wright Flyer Model A as well as a large collection of aviation paraphernalia. Narromine is ranked the 3rd best location in the world for gliding.

Narromine's natural environment is home to the Macquarie River, Wetlands, nature walks, wildlife and beautiful gardens and reserves. The town hosts a range of country pubs, modern clubs, boutiques, galleries and even an iris farm.



## TRANGIE

Trangie is located a short 20-minute drive west of Narromine. It is a small town of 1,000 and a close-knit community. Its grain silos and cotton gins signify the importance of agriculture in the area, which is also known for sheep, cattle and other cereal crops.

Trangie is steeped in history with a number of 1900's country pubs and attractions such as the Cobb & Co Heritage Trail, 1928 Garford fire truck on display in the main street and the Wungunja Cultural Centre. The Wungunja Cultural Centre showcases a large variety of artefacts that have been sourced through long term loans with the Australian Museum and the Office of Environment and Heritage, donations from local people and collections owned by the Trangie Local Aboriginal Land Council. The valuable collection represents family history and information including displays of photos and stories of local Aboriginal people who have served our Country from World War 1. Trangie features beautiful boutiques, which are popular with shoppers around the Central West, and is home to an impressive range of sporting and recreational facilities including a 25m pool, sporting ovals, tennis courts, 18-hole golf course, race-course and a library.

The town has a hospital, medical centre, child care centre, catholic primary school and central school.



## TOMINGLEY

Tomingley is the southern gateway to the Narromine Region. It is a small town of 330, located on the Newell Highway at the entrance to the Goodbang National Park.





## A RELAXED LIFESTYLE

- > OVER 40 RETAIL SHOPS, COFFEE SHOPS, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS
- > 10 PARKS AND RESERVES PERFECT FOR FISHING, SKIING AND PICNICS
- > STRONG SPORTING COMMUNITY

*Our Region is made up of friendly people who are enthusiastic about welcoming new residents like you. We know that you'll enjoy our relaxed lifestyle just as much as we do.*



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The Narromine Region is made up of relaxed, friendly communities. Residents enjoy a great work-life balance. The daily commute is usually no longer than 5 minutes, allowing for more family and leisure time. The community spirit across the Region is high, it is the people here that makes it a wonderful place to call home.

Locals are very involved in their community making it easy for new families to make friends through schools, sports and community groups. There are a number of sporting and hobby clubs ranging from gliding, horse racing and rugby to boating, fishing and the arts.

Narromine and Trangie each have libraries and there is a strong interest in local history across the Region. A growing arts community provides cultural activities including art classes for children and adults. There are a range of clubs to join including garden clubs, car clubs, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Gun Club and many more.

The majestic Macquarie River flows through Narromine and Trangie, providing fantastic opportunities for fishing, water-skiing, canoeing and other water-based activities. Fishing along the Macquarie River is particularly good, with over 22,000 Silver Perch and Murray Cod fingerlings released into the river within the Narromine Region each year. There are seven (7) parks and reserves located on the river providing access for boats and picnic locations (parks and reserves usually do not have bin or toilet facilities and no camping is permitted onsite).

The Narromine Wetlands offers residents the perfect spot for bird watching, picnics and a walking track. The Wetlands also hosts Park Run every Saturday!



## A PLACE TO CALL HOME



**\$245K**

AVERAGE  
HOUSE PRICE

**\$280**

AVERAGE  
WEEKLY RENT



*Live the great Australian dream by purchasing your own affordable home, or enjoy attractive rental prices.*

Affordable housing attracts both residents and businesses to the Narromine Region. There is a variety of options for sale and rent, ranging from large charming family homes, new homes, single storey units and duplexes, small acreage and larger agricultural holdings. Residential land is readily available including the Narromine Skypark, Macquarie Park Estate and Villeneuve Estate.

Housing prices in the Narromine Region are significantly lower than the capital cities and your budget will be able to afford a much more comfortable and spacious home with your own backyard. The affordability of housing allows for greater financial freedom.

There are a number of over 55's housing options along with Timbrebongie House and Kurrajong Court providing aged care facilities.

### REAL ESTATE CONTACTS:

- Hartin Schute Bell Narromine
- Landmark Harcourts Narromine
- Delta Agribusiness Trangie





# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- > **2,340 JOBS**
- > **AVERAGE WAGE APPROX \$46,800**
- > **OVER 30% OF JOBS ARE BASED IN AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY**
- > **25% OF OUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER**

The major contributors to employment are:

INDUSTRY SECTOR	Jobs	%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	712	30.4%
Education Training	239	10.2%
Health Care, Social Assistance	215	9.2%
Other	1,173	50.1%

## A wide range of job opportunities exist in the Narromine Region.

The Region has a healthy local economy with Agriculture as the leading employer closely followed by education and health. The Region is known for sheep, cattle, wool, cotton and broadacre cereal crops. Employment opportunities are mainly based in agribusiness, trades, mining, health, aged care and local government. Advances in technology are creating further opportunities for consultancy and other specialist office-based businesses.

There are approximately 2,340 jobs with an average wage of \$46,800 in the Narromine Region. The largest employers in the Region include Narromine Transplants, Mumblepeg Citrus, Enza Zaden, Graincorp, Agrigrain, Pioneer Seeds, Trangie Agricultural Research Centre, Tomingley Gold Mine, Coles and Narromine Shire Council. Volunteering is strong with approximately 25% of people in the Region engaging in unpaid volunteer work.

The regional city of Dubbo is located just 30-minutes from the Narromine Region and offers a number job opportunities, giving you the 'best of both worlds' and a great work/life balance.



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## CASE STUDY

### ALAN OAKES

#### MINE SUPERINTENDENT TOMINGLEY GOLD MINE

I was born in Narromine and after moving around to work in several different mines, I have now returned to enjoy the benefits of my home town. Narromine has a lot to offer those considering relocation, for all age groups.

I like the small community feel. Unlike the bigger communities with their traffic lights and heavy traffic, all we have is the one roundabout. It's a small community with the infrastructure and amenities of a large community.

We are fortunate to have good schooling through to Year 12, a medical centre, many sporting facilities and support groups such as the men's shed, Vinnies and Rotary. There are varied businesses to fulfil our requirements and Dubbo is a short trip away.

I now work at Tomingley Gold Mine. Living in close proximity to the mine where I am employed is a very big bonus.

***I can be home every night compared to the last 20 years either flying in and out or driving in and out and not being home for a week at a time or more.***

Tomingley which has been operating as an open cut for the last 5 years. In January 2019 we commenced the underground operation. There are currently 4 small crews of experienced mining and maintenance personnel, most of whom were formerly FIFO and DIDO in other mines and can now be home every night. The crew sizes will increase to approximately 9 people per crew by the end of 2019 and all positions will be residential. Narromine Shire's close proximity to the mine makes it an attractive prospect for relocation.



## CASE STUDY

### LESLEY-ANN ROBERTS

#### PROGRAM COORDINATOR AT NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL



In 2015 I moved from Sydney to Narromine after meeting my now husband, a local Narromine farmer. I enjoy living in Narromine, it is quaint and has a wonderful atmosphere with the Macquarie River and large gum trees.

Currently, I work in the centre of Narromine which is only a 2-minute drive from home. This allows for a great work/life balance and allows me to walk to work, if I wish!

***Relocating has been a great lifestyle change from working in the 'big smoke' and battling traffic in my daily commute.***

I find living in a small community really rewarding, I am able to volunteer my time and invest in my local community easily. I still miss my family and friends but I really enjoy living in Narromine as it is very central to city conveniences and is only a short trip to Sydney.

Narromine is a great place to live with its mixture of farming and town life, sunburnt plains and wide open spaces. Although it is not without dirt and dust, the crisp air and dirt beneath your feet is good for the soul and has been a healthier lifestyle change for more.





## EARLY CHILDHOOD:

- Little Rai of Sunshine Early Learning Centre, Narromine
- Narromine Preschool Kindergarten
- Tots on Temoin, Trangie

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

- Narromine Christian School
- Narromine Public School
- St Augustine's Parish School, Narromine
- St John's Parish Primary School, Trangie

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

- Narromine High School

## K-12 SCHOOLS:

- Trangie Central School

## TERTIARY OPTIONS:

- TAFE: campuses in Dubbo and Warren
- Charles Sturt University, Dubbo
- Western College, Dubbo
- University of Sydney - School of Rural Health, Dubbo

# LEARN AND GROW

Young children are well catered for educationally through early childhood learning centres, playgroups and family day care.

During school holidays, Narromine Vacation Care provides a fun, safe recreational holiday program for primary school children. The centre offers in house activities as well as excursions and recreational activities.

Finding the right school for your child is an important choice for every parent, and there are a number of options within the Narromine Region. There are public, private, Catholic and independent schools, universities and TAFE. A return coach operates for children who attend school in Dubbo.

Narromine Shire Council runs after school sport and fitness activities for primary school children on Wednesday afternoons at the Narromine Sports and Fitness Centre. Sports include basketball, touch football, cricket, athletics and tennis. The Shire also supports junior netball, cricket, swimming, athletics, soccer, rugby union and rugby league clubs.







# CULTURAL & SPORTING FACILITIES

The Narromine Region is fortunate to have many open spaces, parks and sporting grounds as well as numerous other sporting and recreational facilities including:

- Two 18-hole sand green golf courses
- Tennis Court Complexes
- Squash courts
- Cricket pitches
- Swimming pools
- Skate parks
- Well maintained parks and ovals
- Bowling greens
- Target shooting
- Wetlands
- Walking trails
- Sports centre
- Gym
- Fishing
- Aerodromes
- Showgrounds and racecourses
- Playgrounds

There are also a number of cultural facilities, activities and community groups:

- Libraries
- Arts and cultural groups
- Service clubs – Rotary and Lions
- Narromine and Trangie Race Clubs
- Men’s Shed
- Car Club
- Garden Club
- Narromine Aviation Museum
- Wungunja Cultural Centre
- CWA
- Masonic Lodge
- Local history
- Various church groups

Sport is very popular with the region hosting a number of sporting clubs:

- Deadly Dragonfliez Netball Club
- Mac Yabbies Swim Club
- Narromine District Cricket Association
- Narromine Junior Cricket
- Narromine Junior Gorillas Rugby Union Club
- Narromine Senior Gorillas Rugby Union Club
- Narromine Junior Rugby League
- Narromine Little Athletics
- Narromine Netball Club
- Narromine Soccer Club
- Narromine Swim Academy
- Trangie Soccer Club
- Trangie Cricket Club
- Trangie Swim Club



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The region is well serviced medically with medical centres, dental clinics, pathology and aged care facilities. There are public hospitals in Narromine and Trangie encompassing a broad network of general and specialist practitioners and a range of outreach services. Dubbo provides the region with many specialist services and public and private hospitals.





# MAJOR PROJECTS

*Narromine Shire Council has a proactive and community focused approach to development, seeking opportunities for growth in close consultation with our residents and businesses.*

## KEY DRIVERS FOR NARROMINE SHIRE'S ECONOMY

INDUSTRY SECTOR	\$M	%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	\$214.542	27.1%
Mining	\$178.390	22.6%
Rental, Hiring, Real Estate Services	\$69.366	8.8%
Other	\$328.229	41.5%



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## INLAND RAIL

The proposed Inland Rail will provide a freight rail connection that will complete the 'backbone' of the national freight network between Melbourne and Brisbane via regional NSW and Queensland. It will allow rail to become competitive with road transport between Melbourne and Brisbane on transit time, reliability and price and will provide important development opportunities for Narromine Shire. The Inland Rail corridor will be built for the future. It will balance the performance requirements of a modern railway, most importantly the needs of freight customers, against affordability. It will allow double stacked container trains to run at a sustained 115 km/h in open country, have sufficient passing loops to minimise delays and create an opportunity for the development of intermodal hubs.

## AERODROME STRATEGIC & MASTER PLAN

The Narromine Aerodrome was originally an airstrip for a local farmer in 1919, was the RAAF Elementary Flying School in 1940 and is now a world class recreational flying facility.

In 1994 a strategic plan was created to guide future developments in and around the Aerodrome to protect the facility and encourage appropriate developments within its boundaries.

In 2019 Council revised the original strategy and developed the Narromine Aerodrome Strategic and Master Plan in consultation with the Aerodrome users and the community. The Plan will guide development in the Aerodrome precinct for the following 25 years.

## SKYPARK RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Skypark is a residential development located on Bowden Fletcher Drive adjacent to the airport with:

- All Freehold Title
- Large lots
- Totally unrestricted aerodrome
- No landing fees
- Two sealed runways
- Big open skies offering outstanding flying conditions
- Walking distance to town centre
- Modern clubhouse with restaurant and bar facilities
- Narromine Aviation Museum
- 18 hole golf course next door
- Fishing and water skiing on the Macquarie River



## CASE STUDY

### MEL HAMILTON

OWNER  
SOUL FOOD DESIGN DEPOT



I have lived in the Narromine region for 20 years since marrying and relocating here.

Although I live 60 km out of town, I do enjoy the convenience of working in town nearby to allow for flexibility with working hours. This flexibility allows me to fit in with school pick up and other jobs.

Owning my own business is challenging but I never would have dreamed of the avenue the business has been steered in. I began catering from home when the children were young. Soul Food opened in 2014 as a design hub featuring a licensed cafe, homewares, gifts and art. Our direction changed in 2016 when we ceased selling homewares and developed the event space for weddings, formals, presentation nights, workshops, art exhibitions and more.

*Soul Food is a community-based business and its success can be attributed to the dedication of friendly and supportive staff being flexible.*

We are fortunate in a small community to continue to grow our event space bookings, offsite-catering and have a beautiful café space to offer all day breakfast, lunch, home baked sweets, and great coffee.



## CASE STUDY

### DALE FOSTER

MANAGING DIRECTOR  
NDF DISC PLANTERS



NDF is a privately owned, niche manufacturer of disc planters founded in 2001. Disc planters are a precision tractor implement used to sow seeds into the soil. We build and design our own, which can be adjusted to minimise soil disturbance and for different sowing depths. NDF currently employs 25 workers.

NDF makes 95% of the components in-house to ensure the best quality control and product flow possible. The in-house manufacturing provides a wide range of employment opportunities including plant mechanics, assembly workers, warehouses, painters, labourers, welders, CNC programmers, robot programmers, fitters and machinists, CAD modellers, administration workers, salespeople and delivery drivers.

*Some of our employees have relocated from Coffs Harbour, Sydney and even as far away as India. We also have a number of employees based locally in Narromine and some who commute daily from Dubbo.*

When purchasing a new disc planter, NDF provides delivery, training, in field set up and after sales service. The convenience and affordability of the Narromine Aerodrome provides us with the opportunity to fly directly to customers.

For those seeking work in the Narromine Region, often there are jobs that are not advertised. Employers do appreciate people who show initiative by contacting us directly to enquire about such opportunities.





## EVENT CALENDAR

The Narromine Region hosts a variety of fun and exciting events throughout the year including market days, aviation spectaculars, agricultural show, country races, community fundraisers and much more. Our main annual events are:

### DECEMBER/JANUARY

#### **Pink Pigeon Festival of Events**

The annual fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation includes the Pink Pigeon Golf Tournament and Calcutta, Pink Pigeon Charity Sheep Sale, Pink Pigeon Race Day and Release of the Pigeons and the Pink Pigeon Twilight Bowls Day.

### JANUARY

#### **Australia Day**

Our region celebrates with a ceremony and day of activities in Narromine and Trangie.

### APRIL

#### **ANZAC Day**

Narromine and Trangie hold a number of ANZAC Day services as well as marches in each town.

#### **Dolly Parton Festival**

Narromine's Dolly Festival is jam packed with events including live music, a street parade, family-friendly events and so much more.

### JULY

#### **Narromine Show Ball**

The Ball is a black tie event and an opportunity for the community to come together in the lead up to the Narromine Show.

### SEPTEMBER

#### **Narromine Show**

The annual agricultural show features a range of competitions including cattle, sheep, wool, goats, rabbits, poultry, farm and garden produce,

needlework, flowers, cooking, photography, art and craft, as well as showgirl, beauty and scarecrow competitions and more.

#### **Trangie Camp Draft**

Campdrafting involves a horse and rider working cattle through events like cutting, working cow horse, team penning and ranch sorting.

### OCTOBER

#### **Ausfly**

AusFly is a relaxed, traditional fly-in event where aircraft owners, pilots, builders, industry supporters and enthusiasts come along and soak up the spirit of Australian general aviation.

#### **Dandy Cup**

Narromine Turf Club hosts a number of race meetings throughout the year and the Dandy Cup is the main event.

### DECEMBER

#### **Macquarie Picnic Races**

This race meeting is the biggest on the Narromine Shire social calendar, attracting over 2,500 racegoers in 2018 alone.

## MARKETS

#### **Venetian Carnival**

Presented by Rotary Club of Narromine and Narromine Lions Club the special Christmas event has loads of FREE activities and even a visit from Santa.

## PARK RUN

#### **Narromine Wetlands**

Established in 2019, Park Run is held 8am Saturday morning at the Narromine Wetlands.



### Event Calendar



See what's happening in our region by visiting the Events Calendar

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# NARROMINE REGION'S *welcome* EVENING

Have you recently moved to our region?

Come and meet other new residents in a friendly atmosphere. Our welcome evening is free and family friendly, so be sure to bring the children along!

Contact Council for the next evening date.

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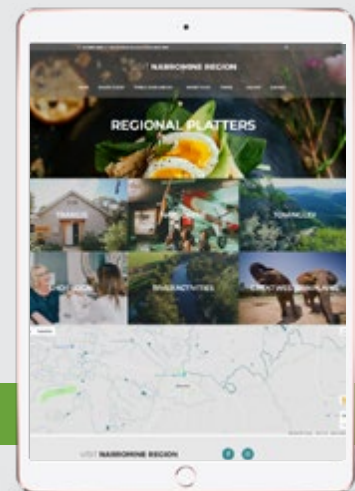


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