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🌿 NARRABRI WEED INSPECTIONS

Council's Weeds Officers are about to commence Noxious Weed Inspections in Narrabri over April. The area to be inspected is from the railway line, north to Violet St and west to the Namoi River encompassing Selina, Grace, Hind St and all smaller streets within.

"These town inspections are part of the inspection cycle," explained Senior Weeds Officer, Clare Felton-Taylor. "Every property in the Shire is meant to be inspected over a five year period including in towns. Over 65% of our Noxious Weeds in NSW come from the garden."

Some garden plants introduced to Australia have been declared noxious weeds including Green Cestrum and Mother of Millions. Whilst they feature attractive flowers they are highly toxic to animals. Boxthorns were introduced as a fence line for stock. Aquatic plants like Alligator Weed and Water Hyacinth which can destroy our rivers and dams were introduced for the Aquarium Industry and Lippia was brought in for a "care free", non-mowing lawn!

The initial inspection is free and Weed Officers will use this to educate landholders about Noxious Weeds and the Weeds Act. "We understand not everyone knows about Noxious Weeds in our Shire, let alone what they look like," said Clare. "The act also states that if you border a waterway it is your responsibility to control Noxious Weeds to the mid-line of that waterway." This is relevant to anyone living along Narrabri Creek or the Namoi River.

Letters will be sent to residents being inspected to allow them to make a booking if they wish. Inspections will still go ahead if no booking is made. "We especially encourage all property owners with dogs to book an appointment," says Clare. The inspection is compulsory and therefore it is illegal to prevent it from happening. For more information visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au and search Noxious Weeds Act.

For further information contact Clare on 0427 294 771.

🔧 FIT FOR THE FUTURE

Council has been working hard to implement its Fit for the Future Improvement Plan. It was recently reported that over the past six (6) months efficiency savings in the amount of \$115,669 were made. Changes have been made in administration, workers compensation, fleet management and organisational structure to bring about these savings.

Council's Efficiency Review Group has started its service review of The Crossing Theatre, Tourism, Swimming Pools and Plant and Depot. Whilst these service reviews are taking place efficiencies will continue to be implemented across the whole organisation.

The Crossing Theatre provided Council with its Business Plan for 2016/2017 at the February Ordinary Council meeting. This robust planning will be introduced across Council with other sections now completing similar plans for the next financial year. These Business Plans will improve service delivery and help with future planning and budgeting for Council operations.

📍 AROUND THE SHIRE

- The draft plans for the Shared Walk and Cycle Path are currently on public exhibition. These can be viewed on Council's website where you can submit your comments in the online survey.
- Council's initial post on the Microchipping Day on Facebook reached over 16,000 people! See Council's website for further details on this initiative.
- The irrigation system at Collins Park is currently out of action due to the low water level in Narrabri Creek. A contractor has been engaged to fix this issue shortly.
- Seniors Week and Youth Week activities are being finalised for Narrabri Shire with both events falling in April. Details will be published when finalised.
- The Environmental Grant Program is currently open for projects within a 25km radius of the Leard State Forest Precinct. See the News Reel on Council's homepage for further details and to download an application form.

Narrabri Microchipping Day

Saturday 23 April 2016

\$10 per animal (dogs and cats)

TIME: 9am - 1PM
LOCATION: Cooma Oval, Narrabri
Further Info: Phone (02) 6799 6858



📅 WHAT'S COMING UP

17 March 2016	Friends Flicks - Wadjda
19 March 2016	Narrabri Races
2 April 2016	Gypsy Willow Markets
2 April 2016	Skid N Cruz Motor Show
2 April 2016	Pilliga Public School Garage Sale and Market Day
3 April 2016	Nexus Quartet
	The Crossing Theatre
8 April 2016	Wee Waa Relay for Life
9 April 2016	2nd Annual Next Gen Ball

See the Events Calendar on Council's Website for further details or to submit your next event.