



Narrogin Narrative

August 2026



Light Horsemen with railway tank at left of photo and Flour Mill at right. A. Bland is on grey horse (5th from left?). 9th From left Abel Porter, 10th from left T. Lecshmac?, 14th from left Col. Olden

President's Post

July has been another busy and positive month for the Shire of Narrogin, with several important milestones and achievements across our organisation and community.

One of the highlights was welcoming our new Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Campbell, who officially commenced with the Shire this month. On behalf of Council, I extend a warm welcome to Andrew and wish him every success in the role. We look forward to working together as we continue delivering positive outcomes for our community.

Council also adopted the 2026/27 Annual Budget, providing a responsible financial plan that balances the delivery of essential services with continued investment in roads, parks, recreation facilities and other community infrastructure. This budget reflects our commitment to ensuring Narrogin remains a great place to live, work and invest.

Housing continues to be one of Council's highest priorities, with work progressing on eight new modular homes that will provide much-needed accommodation for key workers. This project represents an important investment in our community's future and our ability to attract and retain essential services.



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July Council Meeting Wrap Up

The Shire of Narrogin Council has adopted its 2026/27 Annual Budget, delivering a balanced financial plan that continues investment in roads, community infrastructure, housing, recreation facilities and essential services. The budget includes a 3.9% average rates increase, with significant capital works planned across the Shire.

Following extensive community feedback, Council resolved not to proceed with the proposed Major Entry Statement project in its current form. The proposal will instead be referred back to the Townscape Advisory Committee for further review and refinement.

Council also endorsed the Shire's Housing Project Business Plan, enabling the proposal to progress to public consultation as part of plans to deliver additional housing and serviced residential lots to help address local housing shortages.

In response to a community petition, Council supported reviewing the Gnarojin Park Masterplan, with future skatepark improvements to be considered alongside broader recreation opportunities, including a proposed pump track.

Council also adopted minor amendments to the 2026/27 Fees and Charges Schedule, including the addition of daily hire fees for Library Sensory Packs.

Community Chest Grant Program – Round 1 is Now Open!

Have a project, program or event that will make a positive difference in the Narrogin community?

The Shire of Narrogin's Community Chest Grant Program is now accepting applications from incorporated not-for-profit organisations, with grants of up to \$2,500 available to help bring your ideas to life.

- ✓ Community events
- ✓ Local projects
- ✓ Equipment purchases
- ✓ Programs and initiatives
- ✓ Cash or in-kind requests welcome

Whether you're supporting seniors, youth, sport, arts, culture, tourism, health, inclusion, or community wellbeing, we encourage you to apply.

Grants of up to \$2,500
Applications close 31 August 2026

Applications available via the Shire of Narrogin website or from Shire Reception.

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your community and turn great ideas into reality!



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OUT 'n' ABOUT

Library volunteer Freda lends a hand cooking damper for NAIDOC Week activities at the library.



NAIDOC GALA DAY



Celebrate 50 Years of NAIDOC at the Narrogin NAIDOC Gala Day on Thursday, 17 September, from 11.00am to 2.00pm at Alby Park. Enjoy cultural performances, traditional foods, Mob markets, art exhibition, family activities, community stalls, giveaways and prizes.



Library News

Narrogin Library has an exciting program of events coming up for all ages. This year's Book Week and Science Week Crossover Event will take children and families into the magical world of Mary Poppins by P.L. Travers. Two weeks of creativity, science, storytelling, and hands-on activities inspired by the beloved classic. Activities begin at 3.30pm each afternoon, from 17-28 August.

Readers are also invited to an Afternoon Tea with Author Rosanne Dingli on 21 August at 4pm. Chat with Rosanne about her novel, *Chance and Necessity*, which is set around Williams and Narrogin. Copies will be available for purchase.

On 2 September at 12pm, the library will host the launch of *Great War Stories 1914-1919: Light Horsemen and Cameleers of South Western Australia*, celebrating the stories of local servicemen and their contributions during World War I.



For more information, contact the Narrogin Library or follow the library on their new Facebook page.

