



Narrogin Narrative

December 2018



OUT 'n' ABOUT

Seniors' Week Event



Pictured above is Joan Saunders and below is Margaret Williams with the Shire's Sunari Mustapa and Mereana Lewis of Narrogin Regional Homecare sharing a small moment at the Narrogin Senior High School where students recorded histories of seniors and are now preserved thanks to the Library and Narrogin's younger generation.



Street Tree Plantings



Palms trees have been replaced last week in Egerton Street with mature ornamental pears in line with the street planting theme for the CBD.

Thank a Volunteer Day Celebrated



Thank a Volunteer Day was attended by over 60 of Narrogin's wonderful volunteers in the John Higgins Centre.

~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

Well here we are again in December, and there goes another year. Throughout 2018, I have been encouraged with the amount of positive feedback Council has received post the merger. The Shire is on track and on time with its budgeted projects and considering the Works crew has had the additional load of the WANDRRA roads maintenance, this is a great achievement indeed.

Last week I had the pleasure to attend the "Thank a Volunteer" Sundowner in the John Higgins Centre. The event is our small way that we get to thank our volunteers for the huge amount of work they do for our community.

I hope you are getting out and enjoying your neighbourhood at this summery and festive time of the year. The "Ooh-Aah Bus of Judges" will be cruising the townships of Narrogin and Highbury in the coming days to judge all the residential Christmas light displays. Winners will receive Chamber of Commerce vouchers just in time for some last minute Christmas shopping. We will be announcing the winners at the next Council Meeting on 19 December.

Australia Day is the next big event on the Councillors' calendar. Councillors will be serving a cooked breakfast in the Town Hall at our annual community event where the exciting Citizen of the Year Awards are announced with plenty of entertainment provided and lots of activities throughout the day.

Well, "That's a wrap for 2018" I, and on behalf of all the Councillors and employees of the Shire of Narrogin, wish everyone a safe and happy New Year.

Leigh Ballard ~ Shire President

~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

Council decisions made at the meeting held on 28 November include:

Proposed Beauty Clinic Federal Street

An Application for Planning Consent was submitted and approved for commencement of a new business at 64 Federal Street, Narrogin.

Proposed Pedestrian Access Way Closure

Council approved a request to the Minister of Lands to seek closure of the Laneway between 45 and 47 Sydney Hall Way and 133 Narrakine Road.

Citizen of the Year Awards

Council approved the nominees and finalists of the Citizen of the Year Awards who will be announced on Australia Day at the Breakfast event in the Town Hall.

Reserve Account for Narrogin Airport

Council endorsed the creation of a Reserve Account for funding of future development, maintenance and enhancements to the facility.

Airport Committee

The Airport Committee's terms of reference were amended to include representatives from the Gliding Club, Flying Club and St John Ambulance.

Proposed Commercial Standpipe

As of 1 July 2019, new Water Corporation charges will apply to fixed standpipes. The proposed commercial standpipe at Highbury West Rd, near Chomley Rd, will be available for access for commercial and private consumption. Council approved the locking of the standpipe effective 1 July 2019 with an appropriate access and billing process to be reviewed after its first 12 months of operation.

The full minutes can be found on the Shire's website with public copies available at the Library and Shire Administration. Council Meetings commence at 7:00 pm, held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Community members are most welcome to attend.

~ SHIRE NOTICES ~

The Shire has received an Every Club grant from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) for \$40,000 over 2018/19 and 2019/20 to deliver an Upper Great Southern Building Sustainable Clubs Program. Council will contribute an additional \$10,000 to the project. This exciting program will support the sustainability, capacity and capability of sub-regional community sport and recreation organisations. The Shires of Cuballing, Brookton, Pingelly, Wickepin and Williams will partner with the Shire of Narrogin to deliver the Program.

Roadworks & Projects

The annual road re-seals program is well underway with most identified roads now complete. As part of the adopted Townscape Plan, the palms on Egerton Street have been removed and replaced with advanced ornamental pear trees and new asphalt for the road surface is programmed for January 2019.

The Museum car park will also receive new kerbing and asphalt which, together with the upgrading of Egerton Street, will really enhance the appearance of the CBD.

A new basketball half court has been installed at the park adjoining Hive Street. The re-surfacing of the road pavement to asphalt on Herald Street is programmed for January 2019. A new footpath to Earl Street Kindy has been completed along with the renewal of a section of footpath on Doney Street. The concrete footpath in Mackie Park is to be renewed in December 2018.

Fight the Bite

It's the time of year to defeat mosquito bites, and avoid viruses they carry, by taking a few smart actions. Remove vessels in your garden where stagnant water can accumulate from sprinklers or summer rain, apply repellent to stop the nasty bite and wear long loose clothing. Remember! It takes less than a fortnight for mozzies to mature. They then have a life span of up to three weeks.

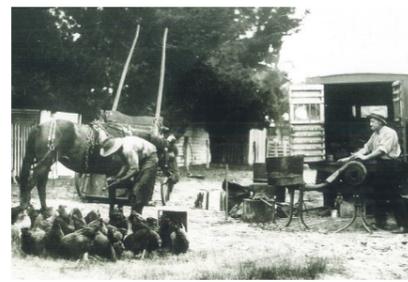
~ HOMECARE HIGHLIGHTS ~

Caring for a loved one is a valuable and rewarding job but also a tough one, and as a carer it's easy to forget about your own well being.



Photo courtesy of Ron Powell

From Days Gone By – Blacksmith Shop



Pictured above is Bob Powell's Blacksmith Shop taken in 1931. We are not sure of the location and what street his premises were on. We would love to hear from you if you know. Please contact Kay at the Library.

Pictured to the left is Bob Powell's mobile blacksmith service, photographed in 1933.

Your carer might be struggling to balance work, family and friends while caring for you. Maybe they need some time to go to an appointment, would like time to visit friends, go on a holiday or simply feel like they need some time away from it all.

Having a break from the caring role can help relieve stress and help you both to recharge, which will ultimately benefit both you and your carer.

Call Narrogin Regional Homecare on 9890 0700 and the friendly staff will arrange a visit for an assessment of your care needs for Flexible Respite.

~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

17 December

Closing date for Public Comment on the Draft Gnarrogin Park Masterplan.

9 January 2019

The third instalments notices have been issued and are due. A reminder to ratepayers that the Shire does offer agreed payment plan options should

you be having trouble paying your rates.

26 January 2019 – Australia Day
7.30am – Community Breakfast in the Narrogin Town Hall.

10am-3pm – Free entry to Recreational Centre pool and Laser games
4pm – Outdoor concert in Mackie Park featuring local musician Rob Mills followed by Perth band "HUGE".
7.30pm – Movie in Mackie Park "Paper Planes" (Rated G).

Refuse Site Christmas Closure
The White Road Refuse facility will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. There is no change to rubbish collection days over the holiday period.

Advertise Your Event
Community events are able to be published on the Shire website. If you have an event you would like advertised for Free, please contact the Shire.

~ LIBRARY NEWS ~

Senior's week was celebrated from 11 to 17 November 2018. The Library and Narrogin Regional Homecare ran a delightful function at the Hill Top Restaurant at the Narrogin Senior High School. Over 40 seniors attended and approximately 20 students from the school came and participated before a lovely lunch was served. Seniors and students were able to share memories and stories of past times in Narrogin. After lunch, some of the music students entertained the seniors while the library staff collected recordings of stories for the local history collection. Arrangements are being made to continue the recording process into the future.

The free film database from the State Library of WA is gaining an enthusiastic response from library members. Anyone who would like to learn how to access Kanopy can come in to the RW (Bob) Farr Memorial Library and staff will help them with access to this and the other free reading and entertainment.



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