



Narrogin Narrative

May 2021



OUT 'n' ABOUT

Story time fun to be had next week



Manager Library Services
Kay Weaver - reading this year's National Simultaneous Storytime book "Give Me Some Space" by Phil Bunting with Mia Pickett.
(See our 'Library News' and read all about a fantastic event for all children being held in the Reception Centre right next to the Town Hall on 19 May).

We are Rolling Up! Have you?



All our front line staff who work with our vulnerable and elderly citizens are now rolling up to get vaccinated, keeping Narrogin and WA safe. Below - a group of Homecare clients out and about in Collie visiting a historical Church.



~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

It is pleasing to see the growing confidence in Narrogin as a retail, government and services hub for the Central Southern Wheatbelt.

There will always be some set backs along the way, with businesses starting and ceasing from time to time, such as Target recently, however the Council and I have full confidence that other retailers will fill that void in time.

In the interim, it is pleasing to see businesses such as AFGRI Machinery open their new showroom and workshop doors in Narrogin for the first time, after consolidating their branches from Pingelly and Wagon, with over 20 employees and apprentices now based here. In addition, a new health provider, in the South West Aboriginal Medical Services, or SWAMS for short, will be commencing in Narrogin very soon.

SWAMS is currently recruiting locally for the following roles in particular:

- General Practitioner
- Registered Nurse
- Aboriginal Health Worker / Practitioner
- Transport Services
- Counsellor Services
- Some NDIS Services and Accessibility Services; and
- A Practice Support Officer.

This has been a long-awaited and a much needed specialist service and a dedicated local provider in this space is welcomed.

The Council and its Administration continue to work with potential developers, government and industry to diversify our economy and grow our community.

After the recent resolution by Council to relocate the services of Narrogin Regional Homecare, the Council will be considering short term alternate uses for the current Jessie House buildings in conjunction with users of the facility, once that opportunity arises after its relocation. This process will probably take 12 months from now.

This week, the National Tidy Towns judges are having a look around Narrogin. The Shire's outside crew have made a special effort in presenting the town to, hopefully, impress the judges. Being the winner of Tidy Towns WA, Narrogin now competes for the National title with the winning town of each of the other States and Territories. The National winner will be announced in June.

Narrogin - Love the Life

Leigh Ballard ~ Shire President.

~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

Council decisions made at the meeting held on 28 April 2021 include:

Fire Control Officers

The Chief and Deputy Bushfire controls Officers and the Bush Fire Brigade Fire Control Officers were appointed for the coming fire season. A list of all officers is located on the Shire's Website.

Jessie House

Council considered a proposal to relocate Narrogin Regional Homecare

Services, currently operating at Jessie House at the Recreation Centre and resolved to construct a new and expanded purpose-built facility on Hale Street, near the Gnarojin Community Gardens.

Entry Statements

The Council's Townscape Committee proposed that Council should consider replacing the existing entry statements, being the silos on the five roads into Narrogin, and also Highbury's entry sign. The matter has been referred back to the Committee for further research and costings as the Council was not convinced it had the necessary information to make an informed decision.

Sponsorship Signs

Council adopted a policy in relation to permitting advertising and sponsorships signs within the Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre. Businesses interested in opportunities to promote their products or services in the Leisure Centre are welcome to contact the Shire's Administration or the YMCA Management.

Local Laws

Council approved a major review all of the Shire's local laws, required to be undertaken at least every 8 years.

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 7pm and are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Community members are most welcome to attend.

~ SHIRE NOTICES ~

Roadworks & Projects

National Tidy Town Judges are expected to visit Narrogin on 11 May to inspect our town for the National Tidy Towns awards in Beechworth Victoria in June of this year.

Capital projects are nearing completion for this financial year with some great results achieved. Some remaining projects expected to be finished by 30 June are: gravel re-sheeting of Graham Road and the replacement of underground irrigation piping for the Shire's treated water irrigation re-use system.

As part of the Shire's plant replacement program, a new John Deere grader will be delivered this month.

E-Rates—Go Paperless!

Ratpayers can opt to receive their rates invoice by email. Consider going paperless and save time, money and the environment. Only those who register via the online link will receive online notices. See erateswa.com/narrogin/.

Alby Park

If you pass by Alby Park, you will notice the new plantings of advanced Jacarandas, which will provide a lovely display of purple flowers in November and summer shade for park users for many years to come.

Narrogin Railway Station

People will see a flurry of activity at the Narrogin Railway Station in the coming weeks with re-roofing and guttering, refurbishing of the rail side platform, local electrical contractors renewing interior and exterior lighting,



From Days Gone By - Peace celebrations in the streets of Narrogin in 1918.

local plumbing contractors renewing plumbing, septic tanks and leach drains, installation of a compliant disability access ramp and preparation for landscaping around the new carpark.

group, where the ladies had a fabulous time. There was even time for a quiet visit to a historic church, followed by lunch at a local hotel.

Next month the Gadabout Club is off to Bunbury for the day, with lots planning including a tour of the Dolphin Discovery Centre and a demonstration at Bunnings on the way home.

Narrogin Regional Homecare Services provides a range of community services designed to provide the support for the elderly to keep living comfortably and safely at home.

Please contact our team at Narrogin Regional Homecare and one of our friendly staff members will assist you.

~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

26 May 2021

Ordinary Council Meeting

Reconciliation Week

Thursday 27 May

KEEDAC Community Hub
2 Grant Street

2.30pm Opening & Welcome to Country & afternoon tea.

~ Saturday 29 May

John Higgins Community Centre
10am-12noon - craft activities.

~ Thursday 3 June

SAC office, 119 Federal Street
11am morning tea with the Elders,

~ Library News ~

The R W (Bob) Farr Memorial Library is participating in National Simultaneous Storytime again. On Wednesday 19th May, at 10am, all children in Narrogin are welcome to attend the Reception Centre near the Town Hall from 10am – 12noon to see this year's story read from the Space Station by astronaut Dr Shannon Walker. This year's book is "Give Me Some Space" by Phil Bunting. The children can participate in a costume competition and come along as a Space Alien, a colouring in competition, various activities, songs, skits and stories. At 11am Story Time begins on the big screen. Could the children bring their own morning tea please? Water will be available for everyone. Tea and coffee will be free for the adults.

Please contact the Library for a copy of the colouring in competition. If they can be returned to the Library by the 18th May, they will all be on display on the day at the venue.

The Library is still involved in the Showerhead Swap program until the end of May 2021. If you are able to bring your account number and old showerhead (up to 2) you can receive new showerheads at the Library. If you are currently renting, please check with your rental agent.