



Narrogin Narrative

September 2020



From Days Gone By – The Belgian Relief Carnival Parade in March 1915. Do you recognise the street?

~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

Spring has well and truly sprung and everywhere we look we can see beautiful wildflowers on the roadsides and in our parks and reserves. Now is the perfect time to take advantage of the beautiful weather and scenery and get outdoors for a hike or picnic. You may have noticed that Railway Dam is getting a facelift with planned new BBQ's, shelters, seating and interpretive signage. Keep an eye out on the Shire's Facebook page for updates on the works there.

It was fantastic to see locals spending their Narrogin dollars in town and supporting our local businesses. I hope that moving forward the community will continue to spend their money locally to help support small business and keep them sustainable. We are so incredibly lucky to have so many great businesses in town and we want to keep them here creating local jobs and supporting our Narrogin economy well in to the future.

A big thank you to our wonderful Shire works crew for coming to the party and dropping everything to assist the Upper Great Southern Hockey Association with their 'sink hole' in the turf a few weeks back. I am sure that everyone involved appreciated the speedy assistance.

You might have heard that the Narrogin Caravan Park had some fantastic additions— three new fully accessible cabins. In only their first few months they are reporting 50% occupancy which they are hoping will only increase as word gets out.

Awesome to see the Narrogin footy

teams celebrated some wins over the weekend which will send them through to the next round of finals. We are wishing them further wins to the end of the season.

I also would like to extend a huge congratulations to the fledgling Narrogin Dirt Bike Association on a thoroughly well attended event at Dandaloo Park two weeks ago. After all the restrictions in previous months it was fantastic to see Narrogin abuzz that Sunday with vibrancy and activities for all ages and having the club add to what's on offer to our town and community for our kids, adults and visitors.

The Council has approved the publication of the Draft Youth Engagement, Strategy and Development Plan prepared by YMCA WA. I encourage you to visit the Shire's website to have your say on the document which has been prepared to engage and support young people in Narrogin and the surrounds. Young people are the future of our community and ensuring we understand their perspectives and expectations for living and growing up in the region is important to securing a prosperous future for our town.

Narrogin - Love the life.
Leigh Ballard ~ Shire President

~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

The Council decisions made at the meeting held on 25 August include:

Public Art

Council adopted the Shire of Narrogin Public Art Contribution Policy and Guidelines. The policy will

support the Shire's implementation of the Public Art Strategy & Masterplan and details how the Shire may fund public art in the future. The Council will consider an annual budget allocation of \$25,000 for public art.

Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Plan Feasibility Study

Council received the Shire of Narrogin Draft Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Plan which outlines a concept for a future shared sport and rec facility at the Clayton Rd precinct.

A comprehensive needs analysis will be undertaken to identify how the Shire can move forward in planning for facilities at Clayton Rd. It was agreed that the current layout of the facilities do not lend themselves to a single shared facility but rather to consolidating existing major facilities.

Bushfire Risk Management Plan

The Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2020/2025 is a strategic document developed to identify assets at risk from bushfire and their priority for treatment.

Council adopted the document on the condition that high levels of consultation occur with any landowners potentially impacted by mitigation work.

2020/21 Road Seal Request for Quote

Council approved the 2020/21 Road Seal Request for Quote to Fulton Hogan for budgeted road seal projects within the 2020/21 budget.

A list of this financial year's road seal sites can be found in the full minutes.

Community Leases

Council supported a number of leases to community groups that occupy facilities on Shire land. The Highbury District Town Hall, Highbury Tennis Club, Nomans Lake Community Hall Inc, Narrogin Eagles Sporting Club, Narrogin Tennis Club and Narrogin Community Gardens were awarded twenty year leases and the Narrogin and Districts Stud Sheep Breeders Association, Narrogin Poultry Society and Towns Cricket Club were awarded ten year leases.

Narrogin Christmas Trading Hours

Council endorsed extended retail trading hours for the month of December.

No School No Pool

Council voted against a proposed 'No school, no pool' rule on the grounds that local government is not the responsible agency to manage disciplinary action for truancy.

Deregulation of Retail Shopping Hours

Council received a request from Coles Supermarkets Pty Ltd to extend retail trading hours to open on Sundays and trade weekdays until 9pm. Council has invited written submissions from the public to decide between requesting permission for retailers to trade on Sundays and Public Holidays between the hours of 11am—5pm and weekdays until 9pm or request permission to have unrestricted daily trading in the Shire of Narrogin.

Youth Engagement Strategy

The YMCA WA has completed a youth

engagement strategy and developed an action plan on behalf of the Shire of Narrogin for consideration.

The Council has acknowledge the draft report and it's recommendations and approved the document for general public comment for a period of 30 days.

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 and are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Community members are most welcome to attend and a COVID Safety plan is in place for the venue. Entrance to the Council Chambers is via the door near the William Kennedy Way carpark.

~ SHIRE NOTICES ~

Roadworks & Projects

Winter maintenance and grading on rural gravel roads is 85% complete. Rural road vegetation pruning of the road maintenance zone has been completed on Highbury West and Contine Roads.

Budgeted capital projects are officially in full swing after the adoption of the budget. Some exciting projects planned for this year include: Railway Dam improvements, the Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre car park resurfacing and tree planting and the beach volleyball court area being redeveloped into an irrigated turf area for community use.

The caravan park is also receiving some upgrades including resealing bitumen areas, some new concrete caravan pads and additional irrigated turf areas.

Street tree planting will start soon on Williams and Clayton Roads within the CBD. These two entry roads into town will have replacement trees (of missing trees) planted in an effort to green Narrogin and enhance the aesthetics of our town for the community and visitors.

~ HOMECARE HIGHLIGHTS ~

Welcome to Spring ~ isn't it lovely to get some warmer days? Clients have been busy at Homecare getting the gardens ready for spring and enjoying our newly renovated spaces. We have had some clients come and stay at Jessie House in our new overnight respite rooms and one lady declared that it was like staying in a 5 star hotel, which is high praise indeed.

Now that things are settling down a bit, we are starting to look for some new volunteers to help us out. So if you love people, have any special skills or just enjoy helping out, then we would love to hear from you.

Finally we are always happy to show people around, so if you are driving past, drop in and have a look.

From Wendy and the team at Homecare.

~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

22 Sept ~ Ordinary Council Meeting

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Railway Dam Developments

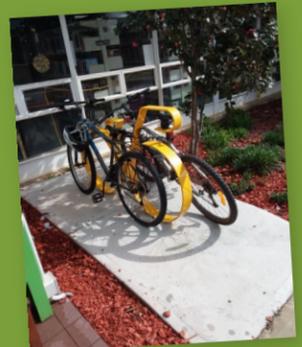


Have you noticed some changes to the Railway Dam Picnic Area recently?

The old wood fire BBQ's have been removed to make way for new free gas BBQ's along with new shelters and seating. The carpark is being refurbished and provision for RV friendly short term overnight parking being accommodated.

Improvements to the walk trail including interpretive signage is also to come.

Ride & Read



Take advantage of the bike station outside the RW (Bob) Farr Memorial Library and the lovely spring weather to ride down and enjoy what the Library has on offer like these biking locals have!

Major Milestone!

A huge congratulations to Shire employee Wendy Russell who has been with the Shire of Narrogin for 20 years!

Pictured is CEO Dale Stewart presenting Wendy with her 20 year service award. Wendy's name will also appear on the Employee Honour Board displayed in the Shire of Narrogin administration reception. Well done Wendy!

