



Narrogin Narrative

July 2019



From Days Gone By (Circa 1920) – John Clayton's house on the corner of Clayton Road and Glyde Street.

~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

As is always the case, it is a difficult time of year to balance the requests from Elected Members, Community Groups, residents and rate payers with our asset management requirements. We anticipate the 2019/20 budget being adopted at the Council meeting held on 24 July. Council is extremely mindful of the impact rates have on households and businesses and will be taking this into consideration during our deliberations.

It is very pleasing to see vibrancy and positive activity occurring in Narrogin's main streets. This, together with good and long awaited rainfall provides an air of confidence about the season to come.

The new upgrades to the Narrogin Regional Hospital is nearing completion. The \$50M investment will reap benefits for Narrogin and surrounding districts in the form of quality health care, in a first class facility. Narrogin will enjoy the increased availability of visiting specialists and services who will be attracted to this modern facility to offer their services. -- *Narrogin - Love the life.*

Leigh Ballard ~ Shire President

~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

Council decisions made at the meeting held on 26 June 2019 include:

Community Engagement Policy
Council decided to advertise their proposed Community Engagement Policy

and seek public comment before considering adopting the policy.

The Policy outlines the purpose, principles and approach to community engagement to be taken by the Shire when engaging communities and stakeholders. The Policy is underpinned by key principles set out in the Shire's Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027.

The Policy can be viewed on the Shire's website at "Have Your Say". Your comment is now invited and can be provided in email to the Shire by 5pm on 12 August 2019.

Sundry Debtor Write-offs

At the end of every financial year, the Shire reviews outstanding debtors to ensure the stated financial position of Shire is accurate. Council approved the write-off of \$2,621 of bad debts that were considered unrecoverable.

Proposed Fees & Charges

Council approved the 2019-20 Fees and Charges, which take effect from 7 July. The new Fees and Charges are now available on the Shire's website or a copy can be viewed at the Administration Office. Fees either remained stator or increased on average by less than 2%.

Lazy Days Café Lease

Council approved the re-assignment of the lease of Lazy Days Café to the new lessees, Jasmine and Aaron Fitzpatrick which is effective immediately.

Clayton Road Oval

Council has decided to invite public comment on the proposal to officially

name the cricket and football clubs' oval on Clayton Road, the "JE Clayton Oval". Public comment is now invited and can be made by emailing the Shire. Details substantiating how Council arrived with the proposed name is available on the website and from the Administration and Library.

"Dandaloo Park"

The current lease of the Motor Cross Complex known as "Dandaloo Park" is due for renewal. The Shire is inviting the current lease holders, the Vintage Motocross Club of WA to submit an expression of interest in its renewal as well as inviting other interested community groups such as the Narrogin dirt Bike Association, who may wish to consider leasing the facility.

Applicants expressing interest in "Dandaloo Park" will need to address the selection criteria such as financial capacity, frequency and type of intended events and ability to best address the Shire's Economic, environmental and Social objectives in the Shire's Strategic Community Plan.

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 7:00pm and are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Community members are most welcome to attend. Entrance to the Council Chambers is via the door near the William Kennedy Way carpark.

~ SHIRE NOTICES ~

Roadworks & Projects

Late rains have meant winter grading maintenance on the gravel road network is running late, however staff and machinery are now out grading and also pruning trees and overhanging vegetation off rural road reserves. The pruning is improving the trafficability, visibility, and overall, the safety of road users.

The Works Team have completed all of their allocated, budgeted 2018/19 capital works items and are keen to start new projects post 2019/20 Budget adoption.

Council resolved to remove the old-pool style fencing from the Cemetery, which is now complete.

As the winter rains are now here, it is perfect weather for tree planting. Several parks will be planted with trees to provide shade and improve the aesthetics when mature.

The Ashworth Crescent Park play equipment has received new shade sails. These shade sails are quite special due to the fact that they have local Indigenous Artist, Ross Storey's, designs printed on them. It is certainly worth a visit to view the designs.

Local Planning Strategy

The Shire of Narrogin has received consent from the Western Australian Planning Commission to advertise the Shire of Narrogin draft Local Planning Strategy for public comments.

The draft Local Planning Strategy sets out the frameworks for planning and development at a local scale over the next 10 to 15 years, which covers populations and housing, economic devel-

opment, infrastructure and community services, environmental protection and conservation, settlement and cultural heritage.

The draft Local Planning Strategy is available for inspection during office hours at the Shire of Narrogin office, 89 Earl Street, Narrogin and at the RW (Bob) Farr Memorial Library. The strategy can also be downloaded from the Shire's website.

Submissions may be made in writing on or before 2 September 2019. Please address submissions to the Shire of Narrogin at PO Box 1145, Narrogin WA 6312. Alternatively you can email your submissions to enquiries@narrogin.wa.gov.au.

~ HOMECARE HIGHLIGHTS ~

Narrogin Regional Homecare is starting a new Carers' Support Group commencing Thursday 18 July for Carers who look after a loved one who is over 65 or over 50 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

If you would like to share your experiences as a carer in a warm, friendly, confidential environment in the company of other carers please join us for afternoon tea. The Support Group will meet in The Cottage of Jessie House between 2pm and 4 pm on the third Thursday of each month.

Jessie House is situated between the Leisure Centre and the Hockey Field on Clayton Road.

Please call Wendy le Bechee, the new Manager, at Narrogin Regional Homecare on 9890 0700 for more information.

(Editors Note: Welcome to Wendy le Bechee in her new role as Manager Community Care Services at the Shire of Narrogin. Wendy, a Popanyinning resident, comes with a wealth of experience in the aged care industry).

~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

15 July 2019

The 2019/2020 Community Chest (Round 1) will open 15 July 2019 with a total of \$25,000 being available for approved projects. Eligible groups are encouraged to apply for cash or in-kind support up to a total of \$2,500 for projects that will benefit the Narrogin community.

30 August

Voting in the Local Government Elections will be held in October by postal vote. All those eligible to vote will receive their voting package in their mailboxes in late September. Enrolling to vote is compulsory and if you have not enrolled, or need to update your address details, you can do so online on the WA Electoral Commission's website before 30 August 2019. <https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol>.

5 September 2019

Nominations for candidates wishing to become a Shire of Narrogin Councillor can be made on the WA Electoral Commission's website from 5 September.

OUT 'n' ABOUT

Hospital Upgrade Impresses



Elected Members and Senior Shire Management were recently treated to a preview of the extensive and modern hospital upgrade which will be officially opened soon.

Finishing Touches



The Library's vibrant new Sensory Garden is now planted. Just a few finishing touches to come, but it's already a lovely place to sit in the winter sun.

FESA Training



Plant operators at the Shire recently undertook refresher training in safe operating procedures at fires.

Long Service Recognised



Last week, Lynne Yorke Manger of Narrogin Regional Homecare was farewelled by Elected Members, employees and clients. Lynne retires after 17 years of service to the Town and Shire of Narrogin.

~ LIBRARY NEWS ~

The sensory garden is approaching completion. The water feature and table were erected on the 2nd of July and the power and water will be connected soon. Screens for the electrical box are being organised. The plants are growing well and people are making very positive comments about how the garden looks.

The Library held a very well attended seminar about dementia. This was the second of two seminars in Narrogin (first one at the CWA) showing a great deal of interest in dementia, the types, recognising the symptoms and management.

There have been several requests to re-instate the Library Music Group on the first Friday of the month. Attendance at this group has dwindled recently so it had been left for the winter. However several musicians have approached the library requesting it to be held again, so the monthly meetings will be reinstated in August. All musicians, singers and people who just like to listen are most welcome.



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