



# Narrogin Narrative

February 2019



## ~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

Despite the holiday season, 2019 is already off to a busy start, with lots happening to complete our various projects.

In January, Council was most pleased to receive a telephone call from the grandson of the late W E C Moss, the inaugural Mayor of the Municipality of Narrogin. Nigel Moss and brother Gerald generously donated an engraved silver plate and liqueur stand to the Shire that was presented to the retiring Mayor in 1909. The items will be proudly displayed in the Council Chambers with other memorabilia from our joint municipal heritage.

Council has recently installed sharps disposal units at the ablution facilities in Mackie Park and Gnarojin Park. The Shire will monitor usage of the units over the next 12 months to determine whether they could be rolled out to other locations.

Residents and rate payers are reminded of the decision that Council has had to take in locking all of the standpipes of the Shire, effective 1 July 2019, to comply with Water Corporation requirements. The Fire Control Officers will be issued with master keys and those wishing to purchase water for domestic or farming activities will need to access the standpipes at the intersection of Highbury West and Chomley Roads. Further information about the decision is available from [www.narrogin.wa.gov.au/news](http://www.narrogin.wa.gov.au/news).

Leigh Ballard ~ Shire President

## ~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

Council decisions made at the meeting held on 19 December 2018 include:

### Tip Passes

Council supported the proposal to discontinue issuing tip passes to residents of the Shire of Narrogin and approved free access to rate payers and residents who deliver less than 1m<sup>3</sup>. The free access does not apply to commercial businesses delivering capacities greater than 1m<sup>3</sup>. The proposal will be fully publicised upon its introduction from 1 July 2019.

### Asphalting Contract

Council awarded Super Civil the contract for road profiling and asphalt resurfacing works for jobs budgeted in the 2018/19 financial year, to the value of \$520,628.

### Sale of 45 Forrest Street

After having exhausted all means of recovery, Council decided to proceed with the sale of this property to recover unpaid rates and charges which are in arrears of three or more years.

## ~ LIBRARY NEWS ~

There is an interesting development in progress at the Library with the establishment of the new sensory garden. Sensory Gardens encourage the effect that gardens have on adults and children. By maximising the engagement with the five senses, the garden promotes feelings of health and well-being. A similar garden design can accommodate a wide variety of users. A sensory garden is user friendly and will encourage everyone to see, touch, taste, listen and smell the materials around them. The work has progressed to removal of existing rock, levelling and the building of a retaining wall, so keep your eyes peeled for a gazebo, lawn and garden beds soon. While the garden works are underway, the new temporary access is from the Earl Street side around the front corner.

## Complaints Management Policy

Council adopted a new policy intended to give guidance to staff in dealing with complaints in a consistent and open way in accordance with the Shire's new Customer Service Charter.

## 2019 Local Government Election

Council approved the October 2019 Election to be conducted as a postal election and to be managed by the Western Australian Electoral Commission. Local Government elections are on the 3rd Saturday in October every two 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 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

This year's program has been very demanding owing to the storm damage works to 57 roads, that commenced in September of 2017, outside of the scheduled road reseal and refurbishment program. Recent projects that have been completed include the refurbishment of Herald Street, the Egerton Street and Museum Car Park surface and kerbing. Narrakine South Road received reconstruction and widening and Congelin Road received stabilisation and resealing in failed sections. The Works Crew are well on target to complete the remaining budgeted capital works.

### Bike Trail & Pump Track

Consultants, Common Ground, visited Narrogin in mid-January to meet with Shire staff about the Narrogin Mountain Bike Trail and Pump Track Feasibility Study. The Consultants are currently working to complete the study by June this year.

### Draft Gnarojin Park Masterplan

The 45 day public comment period for the Draft Gnarojin Park Masterplan closed on 17 December 2018. A total of 11 public submissions were received. An agenda item will be presented to Council this month with a recommendation for Council to adopt the Masterplan subject to consideration of the feedback received.

### Walk Trails Masterplan

A draft Shire of Narrogin Walk Trails Master Plan is currently being prepared. The consultant conducted a four day site visit and undertook extensive research before delivering the draft Master Plan in December 2018. The



Nigel Carew Moss and brother Gerald Carew Moss, grandsons of Mr William Edmund Carew Moss, the Inaugural Mayor of the Municipality of Narrogin (1906-1909).

Plan explores how the Shire can showcase both its nature reserves on the Town's doorstep and its heritage buildings within the CBD. The many benefits of well-planned and promoted trails are being recognised by local governments throughout Australia. Recreation trails offer opportunities for passive recreation, are a valuable tourism attraction, and can bring economic benefits to small communities from visitors choosing to spend more time and more money in a town. They can help instil a conservation ethic amongst trail users and can be a means of educating users about the history and attributes of an area. The intent of the project is to develop an appreciation by visitors and residents alike of the uniqueness of our local area's natural and built assets.

### Town Hall Mayor's Parlour

Works have commenced on reroofing the Mayors' Parlour which has been badly damaged over the years, causing continuous leaks in that section of the Town Hall.

New roofing sheets and ceilings are being installed within the guidelines from the Heritage Council and is due for completion by the end of February.

### Leisure Centre Pool

Works are still on track for the pool roof for the month of March. These works will include installing new insulation and PVC coated mesh to the interior of the pool area, providing a great new look, clean feel and quality product to prevent peeling and rusting as per the current ceiling.

## ~ HOMECARE HIGHLIGHTS ~

Volunteering is an activity whereby people choose to donate their time and effort without financial gain, by sharing their knowledge, expertise, skills and interests for the benefit and well-being of others, themselves or the community.

Volunteering is a great way to build your work and life skills. It can broaden your horizons and provide opportunities to meet new people. The benefits

of volunteering cannot be underestimated. Some of the benefits include: having fun and enjoying yourself; having a sense of self-worth; trying something different; sharing your knowledge; maintaining your skills; learning new skills; and accessing training.

Narrogin Regional Homecare offer many opportunities for volunteering. At present volunteers are needed to assist with the Rivergum luncheons that take place fortnightly on Tuesdays at Jessie House starting 12 February.

Rivergum luncheons provide nutritious, affordable meals to those who may be experiencing difficulties in preparing their own, or an alternative to Meals on Wheels. Rivergum offers great opportunities for social interaction, promoting cognitive stimulation and emotional wellbeing.

If you are interested in being part of our valued team of volunteers, please call Lynne York on 9890 0700.

## ~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

### Are you having a community-based event in the Shire of Narrogin & Districts that you would like promoted?

The Shire's Community What's On Web Page of Upcoming Events is free to use and upload to.

Why not also Message the Administrator of the Narrogin Districts Events Facebook Page, also free of charge, to upload your event. In doing so, you help tell us and the Community when your event is on and we achieve greater coordination and promotion to maximise attendance.

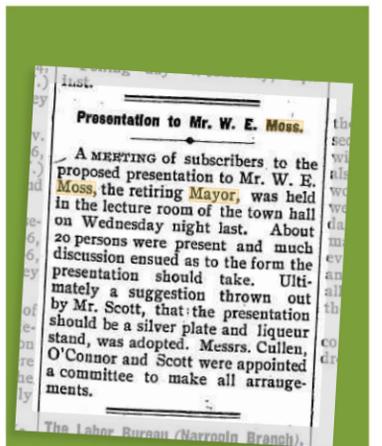
If you would like your Community Event published on the Shire's Event Calendar, you can submit your event online via the Shire's website or pop in and request a form.

### 4-18 March

Pool closed for refurbishment.

### 30 March

Wandering Autumn Graze.



An extract from the Narrogin Observer, Sat 20 Nov 1909. pp7

## OUT 'n' ABOUT

### The new Library sensory garden



Both the children and the Accessibility clients have spent the last two weeks creating "things" for the Sensory Garden. The program included stepping stones, biodegradable flowerpots, bottle top sensory curtains, tunnels and teepees.



Sensory Garden project officers, Frank Ludovico and Keenan Wenning inspecting the progress of the Sensory Garden scheduled for completion in June.

