



# Narrogin Narrative

November 2019



## OUT 'n' ABOUT

### Road Wise Road Ribbon



Deputy Shire President Tim Wiese, & Torre Evans, Shire Executive Manager, kick start the RoadWise Road Ribbon for Road Safety campaign on 17 November.

### New Councillors



At a recent event, former Councillors, Paul Schutz, Colin Ward and Nathan Walker were acknowledged for their contribution to the Community as Shire-Council representatives and new Councillors, Graham Broad, Sophie Lushey and Jacqui Early were welcomed.

### More new business in Narrogin



Brando's Automotive is another recently-opened business in Narrogin.

### Children's Library Fun



Helena investigating the Library sensory lucky dip container for treasures at the Children's Expo 24 October.

### ~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

At this very busy time of the year I always like to put Road Safety high on my list. Harvest is in full swing meaning there is extra heavy-duty traffic on our road network. It is a time for everyone to be patient, vigilant and put all distractions aside.

Sunday 17 November marks the International World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims - a day dedicated to remembering those who have died or been seriously injured in a road crash. The Shire of Narrogin is again collaborating with the WALGA RoadWise Road Ribbon for Road Safety campaign and will be distributing free Road Ribbons at the Shire Administration, Library, Homecare Office, Caravan Park and Dryandra Country Visitors Centre.

This week is Seniors Week. Twenty percent of Narrogin's population is aged over 65 years. Our seniors sector contribute tremendously to the economy of Narrogin and Council is mindful of Seniors' needs when considering its planning, budgets and funding. Seniors Week is an annual state-wide celebration that recognises and thanks seniors for their contributions to the community. Activities throughout Seniors Week are designed to challenge negative stereotypes of seniors and present a positive image of ageing. Promoting intergenerational celebrations is also a priority.

The CBD continues to grow with three more new businesses opening their doors. The Shire and the Narrogin Chamber of Commerce has visited recently opened businesses including APM Employment Services, Brando's Automotive and Comfortstyle Furniture and Bedding to congratulate and thank them for investing their confidence in Narrogin.

I think Narrogin is seeing an evolution in retail and service provision. Times are changing and the way people engage, buy and do business is also changing.

It's exciting times that Narrogin is experiencing these trends. It's really important to get behind them and continue to look local and buy local first to continue to attract new and expand existing businesses and to make our CBD vibrant, interesting and welcoming. So remember this Christmas to do what you can to support your businesses here in the bush... Love the Life.

Leigh Ballard ~ Shire President.

### ~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

Council decisions made at the meeting held on 23 October include:

**Itinerant Vendor Policy**  
Council approved a Draft Itinerant Vendor Policy to be made available for public comment to be considered by Elected Members prior to formal adoption by the Policy. See Current Community Consultations on the Shire's website.

**Self-Service T.A.B.**  
Council supported the advertising of a proposed self-service TAB betting device to be located at the New Corn-

wall Hotel. Public comment is invited and will be presented to Council upon the closure of the advertising. See [Current Community Consultations](#) on the Shire's website.

**Supply of new Tipper Truck**  
Council awarded a Request for Quote to Truck Centre WA for the purchase of a new UD Quon 460 tipper truck which was identified in the 2019/20 Budget and the Plant Replacement Program (2017-27) at an accepted purchase price of \$211,521 ex GST.

**Proposed Sale of Land**  
Council resolved to dispose of properties through sale to recover unpaid rates and charges at 52 & 54 Lock St, 1-3/1 Hough St, and 40 Northwood St. All unpaid rates have been outstanding for longer than 3 years.

### Council Committees

Council considered the needs for various Committees and Working Groups as well as their Terms of Reference and re-established the following Advisory Committees: Audit; Airport; Local Emergency Management; Australia Day & Honours; Bush Fire Advisory; and Townscape Advisory. Council re-established Reference Groups for: Community Assisted Transport Stakeholders (CATS); Community Chest Grants; and Roads.

Councillor representatives were allocated to each of the Committees and the Shire is currently advertising seeking Community Members who may wish to nominate to the Australia Day & Honours Committee or the Townscape Advisory Committee.

If you would like to nominate to represent the community in either the Australia Day and Honours Committee or the Townscape Advisory Committee, see the [Shire's Website News](#) and submit your nomination form before 4.30pm on 29 November.

*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

Capital works are progressing well and are on track to be completed this financial year. Sections of identified road defects are being refurbished on the rural section of Clayton Road from Weise Road west to the Shire boundary. This project is due for completion mid-November. It is appreciated that road users are displaying patience with traffic management that is in place for these works.

New footpath construction is complete on Argus and Ensign Streets with Park Street from Federal Street to William Kennedy Way due to start soon.

Another exciting project that is commencing soon will be the renewal of the road surface on Ensign Street from Federal Street to Earl Street with new asphalt. This will certainly comple-



From Days Gone By - c1930. Brett's Garage, corner Earl and Fortune Streets, opposite the RW (Bob) Farr Memorial Library.

ment the newly renovated carparks on Ensign Street that were completed last year.

### Inclusive Events Workshop

Do you run events for your sporting club, community group, business or organisation?

The Shire is hosting a FREE Inclusive Events workshop at 10am-12.30pm on 26 November at the Shire Office. The Workshop will teach skills to ensure all people feel included, valued and celebrated at your community events. The content includes principles of inclusion, social role valorisation, terminology and the ten pillars of inclusive events. This is a must attend workshop if you organise events or want to know more about inclusive communities. Register your place at [www.inclusive-events.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.inclusive-events.eventbrite.com.au) or email Emily directly at [cdo@narrogin.wa.gov.au](mailto:cdo@narrogin.wa.gov.au).

### Narrogin Nightfields

Narrogin Nightfields is back again for another term of fun!

Children and teenagers aged between 6-18 years are invited down to the Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre on Tuesday nights between 5pm - 7.30pm for FREE organised sports. Come down and try a new sport, hang out in the chill out zone with friends and grab a bite to eat! Narrogin Nightfields will run until Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. For more information contact Courtney Donnelly on 0477 615 114.

### ~ HOMECARE HIGHLIGHTS ~

October was a busy month for every-

one at Homecare and lots of fun was had in setting up the Homecare stall at the Narrogin Agricultural Show. The Homecare staff enjoyed the opportunity to chat to people about the Homecare services available.

Did you know that one of the many services available from Homecare is the provision of transport?

Homecare clients can be taken to medical and social appointments such as the doctors or hairdressers. The friendly Homecare staff pick clients up in one of the cars, take them to their appointment and then drop them home again. If this service appeals to you, simply call the Homecare office to see if you have been approved for this service or have a chat and see if you are eligible. Homecare is open during office hours on 9890 0700.

### ~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

#### 29 November

Close of nominations for community members to represent on Committees to Council: The Australia Day & Honours committee and the Townscape Advisory Committee.

#### 5 December

Calling all volunteers! You are invited to join us as we celebrate the great contribution volunteers make in our community. The Shire will host the Thank a Volunteer Day Sundowner at the John Higgins Community Centre on Thursday 5 December at 6 pm.

Please RSVP to Loriann on 9890 0923 by Thursday 28 November.

### ~ Library News ~

The Library staff organised an opening for the Sensory Garden on 10 October. At least 40 community members attended and enjoyed the ceremony and the afternoon tea. The staff have put a lot of thought and work into the design and the process and now it is great to see it being used constantly. The children have made several activities that can be used for sensory purposes during their storytime and holiday activities. These cannot be left in the garden overnight to prevent vandalism, but the children enjoy using them when they are able. The children's activities at the Library have been well supported with good attendances at Storytime, Rhyme Time and particularly the Homeschool crew. Narrogin won an award for introducing this class to our program with several libraries expressing interest in beginning a group of their own. Another very popular part of the Library service is the local history requests. These are now a close to daily occurrence and the staff are working on scanning more materials to make things available online.



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