



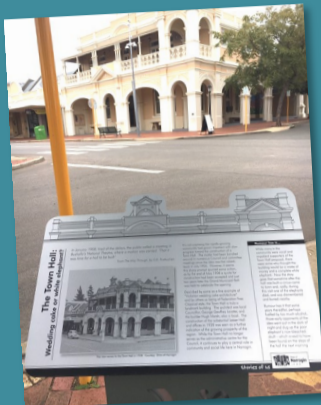
# Narrogin Narrative

August 2019



## OUT 'n' ABOUT

### New Signage



New Interpretive signage panels have been installed at significant sites around Narrogin's CBD.

### NAIDOC 2019



The Shire was very proud to be involved in a very successful NAIDOC Day event. Congratulations to all Award recipients.

### Earl Street Plantings



The Works team installing root director boxes and planting advanced trees in Earl Street.

### The Homecare Team



Our lovely team at Jessie House is able to assist in finding eligible clients the right Homecare package to keep our elderly residents at home longer.

### ~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

You will most likely have noticed some new informative signage panels at some significant sites in Narrogin's CBD. The Shire has installed 10 of the 25 proposed signs for Narrogin's Heritage Walk. I am already getting some great positive feedback and I'm sure you will agree is valuable in what we can provide to the community and visitors by displaying and sharing stories about our past and our great town.

At last month's Council Meeting, the Council approved the 2019/20 Budget. Some of the significant projects planned for this year, aside from road and footpath works include: new abluitions and seating in Memorial Park and renovations to those in Smith Street, Clayton Road Oval and Harris Street; re-surfacing to Highbury's tennis courts; installation of additional CCTV cameras, renovations to the Railway Station platform and pedestrian overpass; additions to the Library; improvements to the Cemetery and more. The full budget is available on the website or at the Library and Shire Administration office.

The Shire is now taking applications for Round 1 of the Community Chest Grants. This annual round of Shire grants is a great opportunity for eligible, incorporated not for profit organisations to apply for \$2,500 cash or in-kind support for projects. Last year the Council supported projects such as professional coaching for the Amateur Swimming Club, landscaping in Highbury by the Highbury Tennis Club and a bicycle education program for youth by Avon Community Services. Funding guidelines and application forms are available on the Shire's website.

It is coming around to election time with the local government elections again being held by postal ballot. If you are on the electoral roll you are automatically enrolled to vote, but if you are yet to enrol or need to update your address details, you have until 30th August before the rolls close. To check your enrolment go to: <https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/onlineEnrolmentSystem>. If you are not on the roll, you can enrol online or complete a form available at the Shire Administration office.

This is a good time to consider standing for Council. If you want to make a difference in our community and have a say in local decision-making, then serving on the Shire's Council can be a very rewarding opportunity. There is information on the Shire's website about the process to become a candidate, or you can contact Dale Stewart, Shire CEO, if you'd like to understand the process better.

Leigh Ballard ~ Shire President

### ~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

Council decisions made at the meeting held on 24 July include:

**Local Heritage Survey Review**  
Council approved for public comment the Local Heritage Survey 2019 which will be advertised shortly and affected property owners will be contacted.

### Hairdresser Business

Council supported the Application for Planning Consent for a new hairdresser business at 40 Federal Street.

### Property Encroachment

Council agreed to write to the Department of Planning Land & Heritage to advise them of a property encroaching onto Crown Land at 1 Parry Court and liaise with the current landowner about a rectification path.

### T Hangars

Council approved the Narrogin Gliding Club's application to build a new "T" Hanger at the Narrogin Airfield.

### Feasibility Study

Council supported the seeking of public comment on the Pump Track & Mountain Bike Trail Feasibility Study. Further information is available on the Shire's website and submissions close 14 October.

### Annual Budget

Council adopted the Annual Budget for 2019/20 and set the Capital projects for the next 12 months.

### Annual Reviews

Council adopted the revised Policy Manual, Delegations Register, Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business 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

Maintenance grading on our gravel road network is ongoing along with pruning of vegetation on rural roads. With the favourable tree planting weather with us, the Works Crew have been planting trees in parks and also installing root director boxes and advanced trees back into Earl Street to replace missing and non-performing specimens.

You may have noticed some improvements at the Cemetery with the addition of new bin surrounds, new informational signage and some seats and tables for patrons' comfort.

#### CBD New Signage Project

Narrogin has recently seen interpretive signage panels installed in its CBD with significant positive feedback from the community. These ten signs mark the mid-way point of the development of a Heritage Walk which will ultimately comprise a trail head and 25 Interpretive signs throughout the CBD. Each sign includes a story and supporting images relevant to selected heritage places.

Narrogin has a large collection of places identified as being of cultural heritage significance within its CBD, with 16 being of State heritage significance.

Interpretation is a vital element for any place of cultural heritage significance, as it seeks to tell stories about what makes it significant and provokes



From Days Gone By – Foy's Department Store staff - Dec. 1953

thoughts for conservation.

The Shire has recognised this and that interpretive signage forges bonds between people and places of cultural, environmental or historical significance. Such signage captures the attention of locals, residents and visitors alike and invites memorable experiences.

Significantly, this project breathes life back into a town centre Heritage Walk originally described in the 1998 booklet, "Timescape" by Narrogin's honorary historian Mr Maurie White (dec.) who was extremely passionate about Narrogin's history and heritage.

#### Narrogin Nightfields

Young people between 6–18 years of age are encouraged to take part in the Narrogin Nightfields Program.

Nightfields is a State-wide free sporting program offering young people the opportunity to connect and engage with a number of different sports. It commenced on 31 July and will run through to 18 September 2019.

It will deliver Wednesday evening sports sessions from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm at the Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre and features a range of sports - AFL, hockey, basketball and netball. The program is supported with a team of coaches and umpires.

Nightfields is sponsored by the Stephen Michael Foundation, the Shire of Narrogin, the YMCA, WA Police, the WA Football Commission, Avon Community Services, South Fremantle Football Club, Roadtech Constructions, KEEDAC, Upper Great Southern Hockey Association, Narrogin & Districts.

### ~ HOMECARE HIGHLIGHTS ~

We hope you are keeping warm over these winter months and like us all at Narrogin Regional Homecare you are probably looking forward to the warmer spring weather.

Did you know that we have a dedicated team of staff who are here to help you.

If you are 65 and over, or over 50 and of Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander descent, and need some help around the home or would like to come and join us at Jessie House for a home cooked lunch and activities, simply give the office a ring on 9890 0700 to see if you are eligible for our services.

Otherwise feel free to pop in and see us at 30 Clayton Road (right next to the hockey field). We are always happy to meet new friends.

### ~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

#### 30 August

Applications for 2019/2020 (Round 1) Community Chest close 4.30 pm Friday 30 August.

#### 1 September

Nominations open for 2020 Community Citizen of the Year Awards which will be presented at the Shire's Australia Day Community Breakfast on Saturday 26 January 2020. Nominations are open now and can be submitted online at [www.auspire.org.au/programs-awards](http://www.auspire.org.au/programs-awards).

#### 5 September

Due date for payment in full or the first instalment of rates.

### ~ Library News ~

The sensory garden is complete. Decorative screening has been erected and we think it looks excellent. Most of the plants are growing well with the assistance of some recent spring-like weather, however we have had a few problems with the donated climbing geraniums being damaged by pesky parrots. We have sprayed them with tabasco sauce and chilli mixed up with water and that appears to discourage the birds from destroying them. Members of the public are using the garden daily, particularly when the weather is nice. It has become a gathering place for teenagers after school. People are fascinated by the Accoya wood table and its imperviousness to water, so it is a real talking point. The children's art projects are already being held in the gazebo when the weather permits.



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