



# Narrogin Narrative

November 2021



Shire of  
**Narrogin**



**From Days Gone By - Marching Girls 1957**

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## ~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

At this very busy time of the year, with harvest being in full swing I would like to encourage everyone to be patient, vigilant and put all distractions aside while driving. There are a lot of extra heavy vehicles on the roads but with everyone's help we can all arrive safely at our destinations.

I recently had the honour of attending a morning tea to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ms Lilian Fish. What a remarkable achievement. I must also give a congratulations to all the students who attended the recent Remembrance Day Service. The confidence they displayed while giving their speeches is outstanding and a credit to all involved.

As Shire President I had the honour of presenting graduating year 12 students of the Clontarf Academy Narrogin, with their certificates of completion at the inaugural Awards and Ceremony at the High School, last Thursday evening.

It is fantastic to see Clontarf be so welcomed to our community and to achieve success in its first year here.

The Shire is proud to be a supporter of the Academy.

The Shire is once again holding a Christmas Lights Competition. I encourage all residents to nominate either themselves or their neighbours by contacting the Shire. These Christmas light displays encourage a sense of community and is enjoyed by young and old.

With Christmas approaching it's really important to get behind our local businesses 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.

Narrogin—Love the Life  
Leigh Ballard—Shire President

## ~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

The Council decisions made at the meeting held on 27 October 2021 include:

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### Proposed Dance Studio

Council approved the application for a Dance Studio to be located at 52 Fortune Street Narrogin.

### Proposed Dwelling above Commercial Premise

Council agreed to approve an application for a dwelling to be developed above the commercial building located at 88 Federal Street Narrogin, provided no negative comments are received. This proposed development is currently being advertised.

### Oversize Building

Council refused an application for an oversize building to be built at 21 Argus Street Narrogin, due to concerns about the impact on the amenity of the residential area.

### New Road Maintenance Truck

Council awarded the purchase of a new Road Maintenance Truck to Truck Centre WA.

### Council Committees and Reference Groups

Council endorsed the Terms of Reference and Standard Conditions in regards to the operations of its various Committees and Working Groups. Council also appointed its members to various committees and Reference Groups.

### 2022 Council Meeting Dates

Council adopted the proposed dates for the Ordinary Council Meetings for 2022. These dates will be advertised shortly, however Council meetings will continue to be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month (except January where no meeting is held) commencing at 7pm.

*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 7pm and are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Community members are most welcome to attend.*

## ~ SHIRE NOTICES ~

### Roadworks and Projects

The works crew are currently carrying out maintenance throughout the Shire and responding to customer service requests. If you wish to lodge a customer service request then please use this link: <https://www.narrogin.wa.gov.au/forms/?formid=1>

Capital Works projects are progressing well, with all expected projects to be completed this financial year.

### Community Water Supplies Partnership Program

The Minister For Water, Hon Dave Kelly MLA, has approved a \$100,000 grant from the McGowan Governments Community Water Supplies Partnership Program with Local Government to the Shire of Narrogin.

The grant, together with the Shire's own contribution of \$69,190, is for the construction of a stormwater harvesting dam. The project will divert stormwater flows from May Street in Narrogin (near Dellar Street) to a proposed new dam located behind Clayton Oval. The water will be used for irrigation of Hardie Park, formally known as Centre Sports. The grant provides help to local governments and regional communities to secure additional non-potable water sources and develop longer-term solutions for dealing with the impacts of climate change. The dam will harvest potentially up to 147 million litres of storm water that would normally be lost for the purpose of irrigation and greening Narrogin.

### New Town Planning Scheme

The Shire of Narrogin has released the Draft Local Planning Scheme No. 3 for public advertising and is seeking your comments.

Two Information sessions were held on Thursday 21 October for community members who had questions in regards to the Draft Planning Scheme.

If you missed the two information days that were held by the Shire, make a call to our Planning Officer who can answer your questions. The draft scheme is available on the Shire website. The last day to submit your comments on the Draft Local Planning Scheme is Monday, 22 November 2021

### Wandering Livestock

The Shire of Narrogin has recently been successful in prosecuting a property owner for the ongoing issue of wandering livestock along Yillimining and McDougall Roads. The existing fences on his property were in a state of disrepair allowing the livestock to wander onto the Shire's road reserve causing safety concerns to road users on these sections of road. Shire Rangers through the years have been requesting the owner of the ongoing wandering livestock keep the livestock within the property. Due to the ongoing failure to comply with the requests, infringements were issued.

The property owner did not agree with the infringements and modified penalty issued to him and requested that the matter be dealt with by the Court.

A total of seven (7) charges, which occurred between the months of January and May 2021, were issued to the property owner, and filed at Narrogin Magistrate Court for a hearing scheduled on 20 September 2021.

Mrs Jane Keeling of WL & KJ Everett was appointed to represent the Shire. The Magistrate reserved her decision at the conclusion of the court hearing and on 8 October 2021, the Magistrate found that Mr McDougall was guilty in respect of five (5) counts.

The Magistrate sentenced Mr McDougall to a global penalty of \$2,000 and ordered him to pay the Shire legal costs of \$6,000.

## ~ HOMECARE HIGHLIGHTS ~

Some fine weather at last, isn't it lovely to see some sunshine and warmth after such a long winter. We are getting ready for Christmas here at Homecare, with a very generous donation of some Christmas decorations from one of our clients, we are looking forward to decking the floors, walls and ceiling with tinsel and cheer.

We still have a few places left for our client Christmas lunches on Tuesday 7 December and Thursday 16 December. Join us for a lunch with all the trimmings, fun and games

## ~ COMMUNITY, LEISURE AND CULTURE ~

A Dark Sky Tourism event is being held Saturday 27 November at Thomas Hogg Oval. This free event is open to the community. Join in a laser guided tour of the constellations and stargazing through telescopes.

Christmas Lights Competition is happening again. Residents in Narrogin and Highbury are encouraged to get their sparkle on and shine this Christmas. There will be 3 prizes, consisting of Narrogin Chamber of Commerce vouchers (\$250, \$200 and \$150).

The Shire has been successful in getting sponsorship from Developmental Disability WA to have an event for International Day of People with Disability on Friday 3 December. The event will be held at the Narrogin Recreation and Leisure Centre. More information to follow.

A Thank a Volunteer sundowner will be held on Wednesday 8 December. More information to follow.

## ~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

~1 November—1 March~  
Prohibited Fire Burning Season. No fires are allowed during this time.

~19 November—21 November ~  
Narrogin Revheads—Thomas Hogg Oval

~25 November~  
Poetry under the Stars in the garden at the RW (Bob) Farr Library.

~27 November~  
Dark Sky Tourism—Thomas Hogg Oval. Come and join in with a night of stargazing under a moonless sky.

## OUT 'n' ABOUT

### Happy 100th Birthday



On Monday 8 November 2021 The Shire President joined Ms Lilian Fish at a morning tea celebrating her 100th Birthday.



Work is progressing well at the Caravan Park



Re-elected and New Councilors:

Brian Seale, Tim Wiese, Roxanne McNab, President Leigh Ballard, Tamara Alexander, Josh Pomykala



RW (Bob) Farr Memorial Library Opening Hours:

Monday 9am-5pm

Tuesday 9am-5pm

Wednesday 9am-5pm

Thursday 9am-8pm

Friday 9am-5pm

Saturday 9am-12noon



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