



# Narrogin Narrative

October 2022



From Days Gone By - Children in front of a banner at the 1953 Narrogin Show.

## ~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

I recently attended the Annual Western Australia Local Government Convention where I had the honour to watch Frank Ludovico (former Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services) receive a Distinguished Officer Award. This award recognised Frank's contribution to Local Government through his 30 years in the industry. The Convention also gave the Shire of Narrogin the opportunity to network with other local governments from across the State.

Narrogin is quickly becoming an important green energy hub of the State with not only the proposed Renewable Diesel Plant imminent as a Development Application, but also catering for a proposed ancillary site entitled the Narrogin Future Industries Park and a hub for Regen Ag initiatives. It is pleasing to see developments of this size considering Narrogin.

It looks like being a slow start to spring with us being given glimpses before the cold and wet sets back in. Initial reports, from those farmers who have started hay cutting, have indicated that the quantity and quality is looking good. Hopefully we get the good weather at the right time and harvest goes smooth.

With the warmer weather approaching it is a good reminder that the Shire is now in Restricted Burning, meaning permits are required for all fires. Permits can be obtained from your local Fire Control Officer, details are available at [www.narrogin.wa.gov.au](http://www.narrogin.wa.gov.au)

With Christmas fast approaching, a reminder that a Narrogin Dollars Voucher makes for the ideal present for those difficult to buy for people. The Dollars can be redeemed at any participating business - a list is provided with the vouchers. Vouchers can be purchased from the [Narrogin Chamber of Commerce](http://www.narroginchamber.com.au/). <https://www.narroginchamber.com.au/>

Narrogin—Love the Life  
Leigh Ballard—Shire President

## ~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

The Council decisions made at the meeting held on 28 September 2022 include:

### 2022-2023 Road Seal Funding

Council resolved to amend the 2022/23 Adopted Shire Budget following receipt of better than expected bitumen seal and resale prices. This will result in only \$71,242 instead of the proposed \$200,000 being transferred from the Road Construction Reserve Account.

### Application for Lease Renewal – Westpac Banking Corporation

Council agreed to lease 38 (Lot 4) Fortune Street to Westpac Banking Corporation for 3 years with the option of an additional 3 years at a sum of \$41,091 plus GST pa.

### 2022/23 Budget Amendment – Review of Administrative Allocations

Council approved a number of administrative changes to the Activity Based Costing allocations within the 2022/23 Adopted Budget to better reflect true costs within functions and departments.

### Application for Rates Exemption – Divine You Incorporated

Council declined a rates exemption application from Divine You for 8 Federal Street, as the Council's view was that the property is not used solely for the purposes of charitable work, as described under section 6.26 (2)(g) of the Local Government Act 1995.

### Application for Rates Exemption – Accessibility WA Incorporated

Council also received rates exemption applications from Accessibility WA Incorporated for a number of properties. An exemption was approved for Unit 1, 99 Federal Street, as it was deemed that this property is used exclusively for charitable purposes. All other applications were declined.

### Community Chest Grant Applications

Council considered Round 1 of the Community Chest Fund and endorsed the recommendations of the Community Chest Fund Reference Group.

Funds were approved for distribution to applicants as follows: Narrogin Cottage Homes Inc \$2,500 towards an anniversary of the organisation; Narrogin Gliding Club Inc \$2,500 towards the repair and upgrade of the Ladies toilet/shower facilities; Narrogin Squash Club Inc \$2,233 towards the running of a regional squash carnival;

Narrogin Towns Cricket Club Inc \$2,500 towards the updating of the cricket fencing; Highbury District Community Council \$2,500 towards the installation of split system air-conditioning at the Highbury Hall; Dryandra Regional Equestrian Association Inc \$2,500 towards the construction of additional horse yards; Narrogin Men's Shed Inc \$1,000 towards to purchase of woodworking equipment.

Applications for the 2nd round of Community Chest Funds opens 1 February 2023. Applicants are encouraged to read the fund's guidelines and discuss their proposed projects with the responsible Shire Officer prior to submitting an application.

Council also amended the Community Chest Guidelines to state that "Organisations receiving Shire cash and/or in-kind contributions support through annual contributions/ sponsorship greater than 3 times the value of the current maximum Community Chest Grant, per organisation, are ineligible to apply."

### Arts Narrogin Incorporated Lease of Portion of Lot 1679 Federal Street Narrogin (the Railway Institute Building)

Council agreed to lease portion of 105 (Lot 1679) Federal Street (currently the premises occupied by the Dryandra Country Visitor Centre) to Arts Narrogin Incorporated for a 5 year term with the option of an additional 5 years. Arts Narrogin will relocate in conjunction with the DCVC moving to the newly renovated Railway Station in coming weeks

*The full minutes can be found on the Shire's website. Council Meetings commence at 7pm and are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Community members are most welcome to attend.*

## ~ SHIRE NOTICES ~

### RSL Notice Board—Narrogin Cemetery

With the cessation of the Narrogin RSL Sub Branch Lorraine Larment has advised that she is now responsible for the maintaining and updated of this board. For any updates please contact Lorraine at [narroginveterans@ozburials.com](mailto:narroginveterans@ozburials.com)

### Dog and Cat Registrations

Dog and Cat registrations have now been posted and are due by the 31

October. If you have not received your renewal, please contact the Shire. Renewals must be paid in person at the Shire's Admin Office, and a new tag for your pet's collar will be issued. All cats and dogs over the age of three months must be registered.

### Murals

Three of the murals approved by the Townscape Committee have been completed, with the latest being on the water tank on the north end of Gnarojin Park. Local mural artist Georgina Paterson decorated the tank with a variety of local birds and flowers, including blue wrens and dryandras. Great work Georgina.

## ~ HOMECARE HIGHLIGHTS ~

September took a sad turn here in the Cottage as we woke up to the news of our Queen's passing. A very sombre mood ensued with clients talking about her and what she meant to Australia and thinking of ways to honour and remember her.

We also celebrated R U Okay day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September and enjoyed beautiful cupcakes from The Rustic Windmill. The clients had a good discussion about R U Okay day and to remember to check in with their friends and family members.

In line with Dementia Action week we dove a little bit deeper into ways we can support those who are living with dementia by way of a short video and tapping into people's experiences as a carer and also as a sufferer. A huge thank you to those who shared their experiences and those who took time to listen and understand.

## ~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

### ~1 October~

Burning permits are now required until the Prohibited Burning Period from 1 November through to 1 March 2023.

### ~26 October~

Monthly Ordinary Council Meeting.

### ~31 October~

Nominations close for the 2020 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards. Nomination forms are available at the Shire Administration Office and the Library, or nominate online at: [citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate/](http://citizenshipawards.com.au/nominate/).

## ~ LIBRARY NEWS ~

During the school holidays the children's craft table activities were very busy in the library. Children were able to create their own masks, or anything else they liked to make. This involved a lot of glue, glitter and sparkly things. On the 6<sup>th</sup> October, Nelly the Numbat walked down Fortune and Federal St meeting children and adults and handing out free books to children.

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Nelly will meet some of her mascot friends from Paint the Town REaD at Whiteman Park for the Children's Week Family Fun Day - Sunday 23/10/22 10am-2pm.

If anyone would like to read a children's story on You Tube, the library would be delighted to film and produce the story in our Australia Reads Storytime collection. Just ring 9881 1751 to book a time.

## OUT 'n' ABOUT

### Nelly's Walk

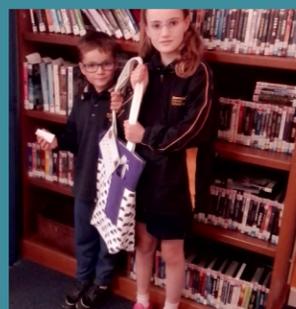
On Thursday 6 October Nelly the Numbat took a walk around town to meet the children and give out books.



Nelly the Numbat with Ash Haigh



Nelly the Numbat with Alicia



Henry and Charlotte Eckersley won the Nelly's Novel Nest competition main prize. There are still lots of other prizes for children who love to read, and lots of books about Numbats.



The Water tank at Gnarojin Park painted by local artist Georgina Paterson.



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