



**MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**

23 MARCH 2022

Acknowledgement of Noongar People

The Shire of Narrogin acknowledges the Noongar people as traditional custodians of this land and their continuing connection to land and community. We pay our respect to them, to their culture and to their Elders past and present.

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Shire of
Narrogin
Love the life

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

2017-27

SNAPSHOT

VISION

A leading regional economic driver and a socially interactive and inclusive community.

MISSION

Provide leadership, direction and opportunities for the community.

KEY PRINCIPLES

In achieving the Vision and Mission, we will set achievable goals and work with the community to maintain a reputation of openness, honesty and accountability. In doing so we will:

- Respect the points of view of individuals and groups;
- Build on existing community involvement;
- Encourage community leadership;
- Promote self-reliance and initiative;
- Recognise and celebrate achievement;
- Support the principles of social justice; and
- Acknowledge the value of staff and volunteers.

OUR VALUES

Care with Trust & Teamwork

Caring - We display kindness and concern for one another and our community

Accountability - We accept responsibility for our actions and outcomes

Respect - We treat everyone how we would like to be treated

Excellence - We go the extra mile to deliver outstanding services

Trust - We share without fear of consequences

Team Work - We work together for a common goal

ECONOMIC



Support growth and progress, locally and regionally...

Growth in revenue opportunities

- Attract new industry, business, investment and encourage diversity whilst encouraging growth of local business
- Promote Narrogin and the Region
- Promote Narrogin's health and aged services including aged housing

Increased Tourism

- Promote, develop tourism and maintain local attractions

An effective well maintained transport network

- Maintain and improve road network in line with resource capacity
- Review and implement the Airport Master Plan

Agriculture opportunities maintained and developed

- Support development of agricultural services

SOCIAL



Provide community facilities and promote social interaction...

Provision of youth services

- Develop and implement a youth strategy

Build a healthier and safer community

- Support the provision of community security services and facilities
- Advocate for mental health and social support services
- Continue and improve provision of in-home care services

Existing strong community spirit and pride is fostered, promoted and encouraged

- Develop and activate Sport and Recreation Master Plan
- Engage and support community groups and volunteers
- Facilitate and support community events
- Provide improved community facilities (eg library/recreation)
- Encourage and support continued development of arts and culture

Cultural and heritage diversity is recognised

- Maintain and enhance heritage assets
- Support our Narrogin cultural and indigenous community

A broad range of quality education services and facilities servicing the region

- Advocate for increased education facilities for the region
- Advocate for and support increased education services

ENVIRONMENT



Conserve, protect and enhance our natural and built environment...

A preserved natural environment

- Conserve, enhance, promote and rehabilitate the natural environment

Effective waste services

- Support the provision of waste services

Efficient use of resources

- Increase resource usage efficiency

A well maintained built environment

- Improve and maintain built environment

CIVIC



Continually enhance the Shire's organisational capacity to service the needs of a growing community...

An efficient and effective organisation

- Continually improve operational efficiencies and provide effective services
- Continue to enhance communication and transparency

An employer of choice

- Provide a positive, desirable workplace

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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member, President Ballard, declared the meeting open at 6:04 pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE OF ELECTORS & APOLOGIES

Electors

Mr L Ballard – Shire President (Presiding Member)

Cr G Broad – Deputy Shire President

Cr R McNab

Cr M Fisher

Cr B Seale (via electronic communications)

Cr J Pomykala

Cr T Wiese

Cr T Alexander

Cr J Early

Coral Mahony

Staff

Mr D Stewart – Chief Executive Officer

Mr A Awang – Executive Manager Development & Regulatory Services

Mr T Evans – Executive Manager Technical & Rural Services

Mr F Ludovico – Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services

Mr A Mulenga – Manager Corporate Services

Ms V Ward – Executive Assistant

Apologies

Nil

3. RECEIVING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Report, Financial Statements and Auditor's Report.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wiese

Seconded: Cr Fisher

That the Annual Report for the financial year of 2020/21 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 **Mr Stephen Ratcliffe** submitted the following statements and questions, which were read in his absence:

“To Narrogin Shire AGM 15/3/22

Question time

1. Correspondence from the Narrogin Shire Environmental Health officer admits that noise levels at the “Narrogin Revheads” burnout competition – permitted by the Shire for the evenings (and days) of 19, 20, 21 November 2021 were not monitored, as per the requirements of the “Noise Abatement Act”. Q. Has the Council acted within the requirements of the Local Govt Act (1995)?

2. Despite several appearances at public meetings of the Narrogin Shire previously on the matter of noise & smoke from “Revheads: - No councillor has bothered to contact me. Q – Have the Councillors carried out the duty of care to ratepayers under local Govt Act 1995?”

1. Has the Council acted within the requirements of the Local Govt Act (1995)?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 are under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and not the Local Government Act 1995, and each year the Shire receives a request from the Revheads committee for an exemption. The CEO grants this exemption under delegated authority pursuant to Regulations 18 of those Regulations and therefore the Council and Shire has acted within the law.

2. Have the Councillors carried out the duty of care to ratepayers under local Govt Act 1995?

The Shire President advised that to the best of his ability, a response has always been provided to Mr Ratcliffe’s questions when asked of Councillors or during Council’s public question time.

Councillor Early also advised that Mr Ratcliffe has raised his concerns about the pollution and anti social behaviour at this event with her and she responded to him at that time.

Councillor Alexander note that she has left messages with Mr Ratcliffe with respect to his calls.

Councillor McNab noted that she recalled responding to Mr Ratcliffe at the time.

The Chief Executive Officer further advised the meeting that a particulate air quality meter has been installed at the Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre and this is monitored remotely 24/7.

Members of the public can view these readings at

<https://map.purpleair.com/1/mAQI/a60/p604800/cC0?select=104122#12.05/-32.90913/117.18751>

4.2 Coral Mahony

Mrs Mahony addressed the meeting and said that she thought that Elected Members were doing a wonderful job. She also advised that her property located in Callan Way was also affected by the smoke and fumes from the Revheads events however the benefits from these events were good for the town.

Welcome to new residents

Mrs Mahony asked if Council would consider joining the Welcome to New Residents event with the Thank a Volunteer Day event? Mrs Mahoney added that this would present the new residents with the opportunity to meet local clubs, community groups etc.

The Shire President said that Rotary have recently advised that they are no longer able to facilitate the Welcome to New Residents function.

The Chief Executive Officer said that this was an excellent idea to consider combining the two events for the reasons outlined, however it might depend upon the grant conditions that come with the Thank a Volunteer function, particular it was required to be held in say December, which was not a great time to welcome new residents, nor have events generally (in the Wheatbelt) for example.

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.18 pm.