



**MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**

5 FEBRUARY 2025

Commencing at 5:30 pm
Council Chambers
Shire of Narrogin
89 Earl Street
Narrogin WA 6312

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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AGENDA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member, President Ballard, declared the meeting open at 5:59 pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE OF ELECTORS & APOLOGIES

Elected Members

Mr L Ballard – Shire President (Presiding Member)

Cr G Broad – Deputy Shire President

Cr M Fisher

Cr C Bartron

Cr J Pomykala

Cr T Wiese

Cr R McNab

Staff

Mr D Stewart – Chief Executive Officer

Mr T Evans – Executive Manager Technical & Rural Services

Mr I Graham – Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services

Mrs L Webb – Executive Support Coordinator

Electors

Ms Coral Mahony

Ms Deborah Hughes-Owen

Apologies

Mr A Awang – Executive Manager Development & Regulatory Services

Mr Brian Seale

3. RECEIVING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Contents of the [Annual Report, Financial Statements and Auditor's Report](#).

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION AND RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Pomykala

Seconded: Cr McNab

That the Annual Report for the financial year of 2023-24 be as presented be accepted.

CARRIED

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 PRESENTATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CBD PROPERTIES

Ms. Deborah Hughes-Owen asked if the Shire could require landlords to maintain presentable and clean exteriors in the CBD and suggested painting interiors to improve appearances.

The Shire President noted that façade upgrade funding is available, and that Council has issued orders regarding pigeons in the CBD for health reasons. He acknowledged the suggestion but said covering interiors with newspapers may not be seen as an improvement.

The Chief Executive Officer explained that Local Governments cannot impose extra rates on vacant properties but can issue notices for uninhabitable or unsightly premises. He stressed the need for consistency in defining "unsightly" and noted that alternative solutions have not been explored. The Shire has issued notices in the past on derelict properties or buildings and also written to business owners with grant information. The Chief Executive Officer also noted that the new role in the Shire of Business Development and Innovation Officer might also be tasked with initiatives to address the concerns and thanked Ms Hughes Owen for the suggestions.

Cr Broad suggested that a Streetscape or Tidy Towns initiative could help encourage CBD building improvements.

4.2 SHOP FRONTS AND VACANT PREMISES

Ms. Coral Mahony asked if the Council or former CBD Streetscape Committee had authority to require vacant shop owners to install displays or similar and inquired about what could be done with the number of locally owned vacant properties.

The Shire President confirmed that owner approval is required for entering the property and installing temporary displays.

The Chief Executive Officer was unaware of the existence of the former Committee referred to but said if it operated like Tidy Towns, the Shire would be supportive. He suggested dried floral displays, artworks and other temporary or semi-permanent enhancements could improve the streetscape. Some vacant properties are locally owned, while others belong to Perth-based owners. The Shire's Business Development and Innovation Officer in conjunction with the Community Development team may be able to work with volunteers on activation projects.

4.3 CONCERNS REGARDING A PROPERTY ON LEFROY STREET

Ms. Coral Mahony raised concerns about overcrowding, abandoned vehicles, and sanitation on a property in Lefroy Street, Narrogin the Cemetery, asking if the Department of Housing could intervene.

The Chief Executive Officer replied that the Rangers have been monitoring the property. They are working with the owner on the matter at the very moment and will be issuing unsightly land notices imminently.

4.4 ABANDONED VEHICLES IN PUBLIC PARKING AREAS

Ms. Coral Mahony raised concerns about a vehicle left in a public Recreational Vehicle (RV) parking area beyond the allowed time (72 hours).

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed multiple complaints, noting that two of three vehicles have been removed, but a third vehicle remains. The owner is known, and a cost-effective long-term solution is being developed.

The Shire President said the Shire and Rangers are addressing the issue. He noted that homelessness in Narrogin is an ongoing challenge and moving individuals does not always solve the problem. A long-term solution is being pursued.

5. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6:22 pm.