



# Narrogin Narrative

July 2025



Shire of  
**Narrogin**

## OUT 'n' ABOUT

### NSHS CAREER DAY

The Shire of Narrogin proudly joined NSHS Career Day, sharing insights into local government roles and inspiring students to explore meaningful careers in their own community.



### CONSTABLE CARE

Constable Care and Nelly the Numbat brought smiles and safety tips to young readers during their special visit to the Narrogin Library.



### WHEELY SAFE ADVENTURE!

Road rules and digital smarts! Students took centre stage to explore safety through puppets, drama, and real-life decision-making.



### NGALUK WAANGKINY (US TALKING) EXHIBITION AT ARTS NARROGIN

As part of NAIDOC Week 2025, the Shire of Narrogin was proud to host a gentle gathering to celebrate the Ngaluk Waangkiny (Us Talking) exhibition at Arts Narrogin, brought to life through powerful portraits and shared reflections on this year's theme: The Next Generation – Strength, Vision & Legacy.



## ~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

With the school holidays bringing a welcome mid-year break, it's been wonderful to see families and young people out enjoying everything Narrogin has to offer, even in the crisp winter air.

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to travel to Canberra to represent our community and speak directly with our Ministers about Narrogin's future. As large-scale renewable energy projects edge closer to reality, it's essential that communities like ours are strongly represented to ensure we receive the housing, infrastructure, and services needed to support our people. Local voices must be part of the conversation, and regional Shires like Narrogin deserve meaningful, long-term benefits from these developments.

Back home, we've recently wrapped up another financial year, a time to reflect on our achievements and set our sights on the year ahead. It was also wonderful to see our community come together for NAIDOC Week, celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the week so meaningful.

While the days may be shorter and colder, our community spirit continues to shine brightly. Thank you to everyone doing their part volunteering, supporting neighbours, or simply offering a kind word.

Wishing you all a safe and happy school holiday season. Take care on the roads and keep looking out for one another.

*Love the life.*

Leigh Ballard ~ Shire President

## ~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

The Council decisions made at the meeting held on 18 June 2025 include:

### Proposed 2025/26 Differential Rates:

The Council endorsed its intent to adopt updated differential rating for the 2025/26 financial year and will advertise the proposed rates for public feedback.

- Urban GRV: 12.2860 cents per dollar, with a minimum of \$1,360
- Rural GRV: 10.8818 cents per dollar, with a general minimum of \$1,270 and a lesser minimum of \$985

The proposal and its rationale will now be advertised for public comment, in line with legislative requirements.

### 2025/26 Fees - Commonwealth Home Care Packages:

The Council endorsed the proposed schedule of fees and charges for Commonwealth Home Care Packages and have advertised them publicly before they came into effect on 1 July 2025.

### Write-Off of Uneconomic Debtors:

The Council authorised the write-off of \$436.50 in debts deemed uneconomic

to recover and ensured compliance with financial reporting obligations.

### Corporate Business Plan 2025-2029:

The Council adopted the updated Corporate Business Plan 2025-2029, which will guide operational priorities and community outcomes over the next four years.

### Licence to Occupy - Narrogin Race & Pace:

The Council approved a Licence to Occupy agreement with Narrogin Race and Pace for use of Office 8 and the Tote Room at the John Higgins Centre from 1 July 2025 to 29 June 2032.

### Lease Renewal - Lumen Wheatbelt Regional University Centre:

A lease renewal was approved for Shop 1 at 86 Federal Street (Town Hall Complex) for the continued use by Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt Inc. for Lumen University through to 30 June 2028.

### Acquisition of Lots 1113 and 32, 29 Egerton Street - Former Soldiers Memorial Institute:

The Council approved the purchase of land at Lots 1113 and 32 for \$230,000 (plus GST), to be funded from the Economic Development Reserve. The Shire will negotiate a short-term lease with the Narrogin Eight Ball Association, with heritage and commemorative items to be preserved.

### Proposed Acquisition - 27 Egerton Street:

The Council approved making a conditional offer of \$265,000 to purchase 27 Egerton Street. The building is heritage-listed and located within the Town Centre. If accepted, the acquisition will be budgeted for 2025/26.

*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 ~

### Notice of 2025/26 Fees & Charges:

The Shire of Narrogin's Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2025/26 financial year has been adopted and will take effect from 1 July 2025. The full schedule is available at the Shire Administration or online at [narrogin.wa.gov.au](http://narrogin.wa.gov.au).



**From Days Gone By** – The Duke & Duchess of Gloucester at the Narrogin Show Grounds in 1946

## ~ HOMECARE HIGHLIGHTS ~

Last month at Jessie House, we celebrated joy and connection through a variety of activities, including a creative painting session, gentle chair yoga, and a special birthday celebration for our beloved Norma Whyte.

Our Gadabout trip to Armadale Shopping Centre and the Ye Olde Narrogin Inn was a resounding success, filled with laughter, coffee, and a hearty lunch, thank you to all who joined us!

We are also excited to welcome Kate, an experienced Support Worker with a passion for nursing. Originally from the Pilbara, she now calls Narrogin home and looks forward to meeting our clients and contributing to their care.

An important update for our community is the extension of the transition period for the new Support at Home Program, now set for 1st November 2025 (previously 1st July).

This extension ensures a smoother shift for everyone, with no changes to current Home Care Package services until November. CHSP services will continue as usual until 2027, though new fees will apply from 1st July 2025. Our team is committed to keeping you informed and supported throughout this process, so please reach out with any questions.

Looking ahead, we have planned our July Gadabout on the 15th, where we'll explore Wellington Dam and Collie's charming shopping area, complete with a surprise lunch location. Other events for the month of July include the Forget Me Not Memory Café on 9th July, the Narrogin Heart Foundation Walking

Group every Wednesday, and the Friendship Group at the Senior Citizens Centre on 28th July.

For those interested in local culture, the Ngaluk Waangkiny exhibition at Arts Narrogin (running until 31st July) offers a powerful tribute to Noongar Elders' stories of resilience. Meanwhile, mark your calendars for Seniors Week in November, featuring a Healthy Ageing Event and an Elvis tribute act, details to come!

For more information, call us at 9890 0700 or visit Jessie House on Clayton Road.

We look forward to sharing many more memorable moments with you!

## ~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

~ **6-13 July 2025** ~  
NAIDOC Week

~ **14 July 2025** ~  
Community Chest Fund Opening Round 1 2025/26

~ **23 July 2025** ~  
Ordinary Council Meeting

~ **27 July 2025** ~  
National Tree Day

~ **9 August 2025** ~  
UN International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples

~ **12 August 2025** ~  
UN International Youth Day

~ **18 August 2025** ~  
Vietnam Veterans Day

## ~ LIBRARY NEWS ~

On Thursday 26 June, the R.W. (Bob) Farr Memorial Library hosted Constable Care Day, a vibrant, free event celebrating fun, learning, and child safety. The morning featured an inclusive Key Word Sign Storytime with Constable Care and Nelly Numbat, who shared My First Emergency in the Neighbourhood through storytelling, songs, and crafts. After a light lunch, families enjoyed two engaging theatre performances.

For younger children, Wheely Safe Adventure used puppets to teach road safety in a playful, suspenseful format. Older students experienced Screen Name, an immersive drama exploring cyber safety, respectful online behaviour, and digital decision-making. Participants actively shaped the story by freezing scenes at critical moments, stepping into roles, and suggesting safer choices, making the learning hands-on and impactful.

Constable Care and his team delivered essential safety education in a fun, memorable way. Thanks to all families and the Constable Care Foundation for helping build a safer, more connected community.