



Narrogin Narrative

June 2025



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Narrogin

OUT 'n' ABOUT

Constable Care Day

On Thursday, 26 June, Constable Care Day – a free community event dedicated to fun, education, and safety for children of all ages. Three sessions are available to cover a wide range of ages and topics, to find out more, please contact the library.



Community Assisted Transport Service (CATS)

Community Assisted Transport Service (CATS) Volunteers at the 2025 Volunteer Attraction Day proudly showcasing the CATS vehicle to the public.



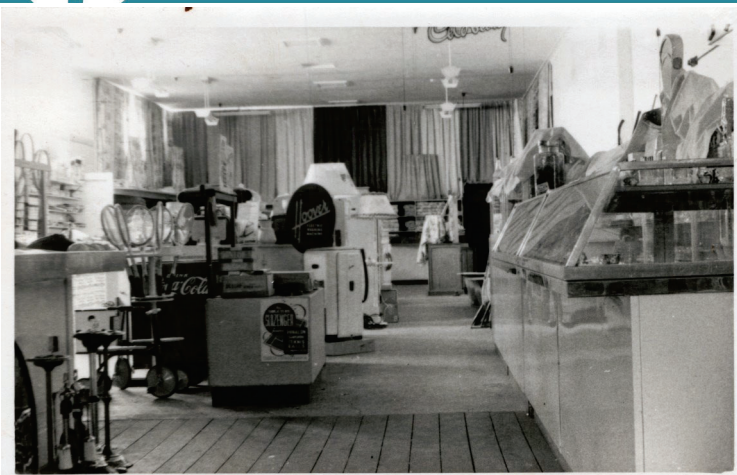
Sealing of Highbury Rest Area

The Technical & Rural Services team has successfully completed the sealing of the Highbury Rest Area.



Reconciliation Week 2025

Meaningful moments from the National Reconciliation Week Events 2025, including Breakfast, bringing together local organisations and community groups in Narrogin to celebrate and promote reconciliation.



From Days Gone By - Did you know Narrogin had a David Jones Store in the 1960s? This photo is a glimpse of what the inside of the store looked like.

~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

Hello everyone, it has been a busy and productive month in the Shire of Narrogin. We have welcomed a milestone renewable energy development, as the Development Assessment Panels have approved the first two of six proposed projects, on 21 May – the Narrogin Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), an approximate \$400 million investment, and additionally, on 12 June - the Narrogin Solar Farm & BESS, an approximate \$400 million investment, both which are set to power a new era for our region.

Council is excited about the opportunities these projects bring, and we've been proactive in planning for sustainable growth by reviewing the Shire of Narrogin's Local Policies to ensure major developments consider community wellbeing from the outset. These steps reflect our commitment to progress while safeguarding our community's interests.

We are extremely conscious, however, that with the opportunities, comes risks. The key issues are about ensuring that these and other projects, provide legacy solutions and improvements for community benefits as well as **housing**.

As winter settles in, there's plenty happening around town. Narrogin recently shone on the tourism stage as a finalist in the 2025 Top Tourism Town Awards, which is a testament to our region's appeal, with thanks to everyone who supported us. This season we're also celebrating community spirit, from National Volunteer Week in May to local events bringing people together. Keep an eye out for the Regional Men's Health "Pit Stop" on 19 June at the Narrogin Club which is a great opportunity for a quick health check and join us in early July for NAIDOC Week activities, celebrating our Aboriginal community. It may be cold outside, but our community spirit is warm.

Looking ahead, a reminder that Local Government elections are coming up on Saturday, 18 October 2025. I encourage everyone to get involved, whether by voting or by standing for Council if you're passionate about making a difference. Nominations will open in early September, so now is the

perfect time to learn about the process and consider serving. Being on Council is a rewarding way to give back to Narrogin, and our Shire thrives when community-minded people step forward. Come election time, please remember to have your say – your voice and vote truly matter in shaping our town's future.

Narrogin - Love the Life
Leigh Ballard - Shire President

~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

A Summary of the Council decisions made at the meeting held on 28 May 2025 include:

Final Adoption Local Planning Policy – Temporary/Transient Workforce Accommodation:

The Council has adopted the Local Planning Policy on Temporary/Transient Workforce Accommodation with minor modifications. The policy is now on the Shire website, taking immediate effect. Notifications have been sent to those who submitted comments during the advertising period, as well as to renewable industry proponents in and around the Shire.

Final Adoption Local Planning Policy – Tree Farms and Carbon Farming:

The Local Planning Policy on Tree Farms and Carbon Farming has been adopted with minor modifications following a review of submissions. The policy is now in effect, as published on the Shire website, with letters sent to those who submitted comments during the advertising period to advise of the Council's decision.

Adoption of Draft Local Planning Policy – Social Impact Assessment:

The Council has approved the draft Local Planning Policy on Social Impact Assessment for public advertising. The policy will be open for public comment for 21 days, with submissions to be reviewed at a future Council meeting.

Awarding Request for Tender – RFT 2024/25-02 Supply and Installation of Accommodation Units at Narrogin Caravan Park:

Fleetwood Australia has been awarded the tender for the supply and installation of 18 accommodation units at the Narrogin Caravan Park, valued at \$1,429,446

(ex GST). The Council has authorised the CEO to manage the contract, with provisions for variations within the 2024/25 and 2025/26 budgets.

Revised Ten-Year Plant & Fleet Replacement Program 2025-2035:

The Council has adopted the revised Ten-Year Plant & Fleet Replacement Program, outlining planned replacements and upgrades for the Shire's fleet and equipment.

Additional Nominations of Dignitaries for Footpath Plaques:

The Council has endorsed the installation of plaques for three notable individuals, namely Nurse Bridgit Mary (Bessie) Kelliher, Nurse Grace Menzies, and Nurse Elizabeth Ann (Grannie) Ness, with plaques to be installed along the west side of Federal Street.

Proposed Fees & Charges for 2025/26 Financial Year:

The Council has approved the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2025/26 financial year, with public notice to be provided prior to 30 June 2025.

A review of accommodation rents at the Narrogin Caravan Park will be conducted in January 2026.

Annual Review of Delegation Register:

The Council has adopted the annual review of the Delegation Register, with updates to the titles and responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Bushfire Control Officer, and Shire President.

A change in title from Executive Manager Development & Regulatory Services to Executive Manager Planning & Sustainability has been endorsed.

Biennial Review of Council Policy:

The Council has completed the biennial review of the Council Policy Manual and endorsed the revised policies, including updates to the Child Safe Awareness policy in response to the WA Ombudsman's recommendations.

Implementation of Independent ARIC Presiding Member Appointments:

The Council has deferred the appointment of an independent Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee until the relevant sections of the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024* come into effect.

In the interim, Council has extended the appointment of President Leigh

Ballard as the Presiding Member and expressed its intent to appoint Mr Brian Seale and Mr Craig Durkee to the roles once legislation permits.

For more details on these decisions and their implications, please visit the Shire's website or contact the Shire office directly by emailing enquiries@narrogin.wa.gov.au.

~ HOMECARE HIGHLIGHTS ~

The Narrogin Regional Homecare team is pleased to share the latest updates with our valued community as we move further into the winter season. Last month, we welcomed two new team members who are eager to contribute to our mission of providing exceptional care and support. Rizwan Islam has joined us as Homecare Service Coordinator, bringing his expertise after relocating from Perth with his family. Audrey Galvez, our new Homecare Scheduler, will be ensuring that weekly service schedules run smoothly, helping us maintain seamless appointments for our clients.

A key update for our clients is the transition to the Support at Home program, effective 1st November 2025. This program will replace the current Homecare Packages and Commonwealth Home Support Programme, offering simplified plans, more flexibility, and clearer funding transparency. The government assures contributions will be assessed fairly based on individual financial circumstances.

At Jessie House, we've been hosting fun events for our clients, including a paper plane competition, a movie afternoon, and a Mother's Day morning tea with Jenga. These activities foster a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and we're grateful for the joy and connection they bring.

Jessie House is more than just a care facility, it's a community hub! For more information, contact us at 9890 0700 or visit us at Jessie House, Clayton Road.

~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

~ 18 June 2025 ~

Ordinary Council Meeting 7pm

~ 16 to 22 June 2025 ~

World Refugee Week

~ 30 June 2025 ~

End of Financial Year 24/25

~ 6 to 13 July 2025 ~

NAIDOC Week

~ 23 July 2025 ~

Ordinary Council Meeting 7pm

~ LIBRARY NEWS ~

The Library's National Simultaneous Storytime event brought together around 100 community members for a vibrant celebration of literacy. With support from Amity Health and KindiLink, attendees enjoyed a wide variety of themed activities. The special community reading video enhanced with animations and reading by community members including Police and SES, the video brought this year's book: "The Truck Cat" to life. The author, Deborah Frenkel, was very impressed with the event: "Thank you so much for sharing this. I'm grinning like mad. I'm so moved by how you brought so many people together to create this and can see the huge amount of work that's gone into it all and to ensure it was inclusive and accessible for all. What a wonderful testament to your community (and what lucky kids!). Well done and thank you! Bravo Narrogin!" Missed the event? You can still enjoy the reading video by contacting the library for access, available to July 31st. A big thank you to everyone who attended or supported the event.

