



Narrogin Narrative

May 2025



From Days Gone By – The Duke & Duchess of Gloucester at the Narrogin Show Grounds in 1946, F. Barnett is 5th from left at the front. (Prince Henry William Frederick Albert, son of King George V and Queen Mary, Uncle of Queen Elizabeth II. Served as Governor-General of Australia 1945-1947. Princess Alice Montagu Douglas Scott, daughter of the 7th Duke of Buccleuch, Scotland's biggest landowner).

~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

April was a month filled with meaningful moments and a strong sense of community spirit. Our ANZAC Day services were a poignant tribute, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Highbury District Community Council for hosting a wonderful event on April 19th, and to the dedicated volunteers who organised both services in the Narrogin CBD. It was heartening to see so many people come together at each event to honour and remember those who served.

With Term 2 now underway, the Easter and Mother's Day celebrations have come to a close, and I'm sure everyone had a wonderful time making lasting memories with family and friends. As we look ahead to National Volunteer Week, our focus shifts to the incredible volunteers who play a vital role in shaping and strengthening our community. This is a special time to acknowledge and celebrate their generosity, dedication, and the positive impact they make every day. I encourage everyone to explore the many ways you can get involved and make a meaningful difference in Narrogin. Your contributions, large or small, are essential in building the town we all cherish.

Reconciliation Week is also just around the corner. This is a time for us to come together and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our Indigenous community. It's an opportunity to strengthen our bonds, learn from one another, and build a future rooted in unity and respect.

Looking ahead, the local government election in October presents an exciting opportunity for all of us to have a say in the future of our town. Let's make our voices heard and continue to shape a vibrant, thriving Narrogin.

Narrogin - Love the Life.
Leigh Ballard ~ Shire President

~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

Council decisions made at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 April 2025 include:

Proposed Freehold Acquisition of 38 Furnival Street, Reserve 85457

The Council authorised the purchase of Reserve 85457, from the State Government, located at 38 Furnival Street, comprising 2 lots totalling 2478 sqm, zoned residential, for \$185,000 plus GST, with a view to future housing development. An amendment to the Shire's 2024/25 Annual Budget was made, increasing both land acquisition and reserve income allocations by \$132,000 to accommodate the purchase.

Narrogin CBD Building Facades Colour Palette Project Fund

The Council approved a revised grant structure for the CBD Building Facades Colour Palette Project, offering matching grants between \$2,500 to \$7,500 for larger buildings. They also agreed to introduce an Expressions of Interest process and explore potential government funding for the CBD revitalisation. A \$10,000 provision for project assistance will be included in the 2025/26 Budget deliberations to support business or

building owners. Further information is available from the Shire's website.

Draft Council Policy – Concessions on Commercial and Farming Properties Owner-Occupied by Pensioners and Seniors

The Council adopted a new policy providing concessions for pensioners and seniors on owner-occupied commercial and farming properties, limiting house curtilage to 2 hectares. The policy will be incorporated into the Council Policy Manual and made available on the Shire's website.

Narrogin Dance Centre Request

The Council resolved to retain the current fees and charges agreement with Narrogin Dance Centre for hire fees of the Narrogin Town Hall until December 2025. This extension provides the Dance Centre with time to consider the impact on clients and programming. The proposed new hire fees will be considered as part of the 2025/26 Schedule of Fees and Charges.

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. Entrance to the Council Chambers is via the door near the William Kennedy Way carpark.

~ NARROGIN REGIONAL LEISURE CENTRE ~

School Holiday Fun at NRLC

The recent school holiday programs at the Narrogin Recreation and Leisure Centre (NRLC) were a hit, offering a variety of fun and creative activities for youth. Participants enjoyed a range of hands-on experiences, from cooking and crafting to games and art projects. Popular sessions included decorating cupcakes, making bath bombs, and creating macrame pieces for Mother's Day. The programs provided a great opportunity for youth to explore their creativity and have fun during the holidays, all while being active and engaged at the NRLC. It was a memorable time filled with laughter and learning!

~ ROADWORKS & PROJECTS ~

Highbury Rest Area Upgrade

The recent upgrade of the Highbury Rest Area, now sealed with bitumen, provides a safer and more comfortable space for travellers. This project, funded equally by the Shire and Main Roads WA, enhances road safety and convenience for all road users.

Railway Precinct Pathway Project

The first stage of the Railway Precinct Pathway has been completed, creating a vital link between the Narrogin CBD and the Narrogin and Dryandra Visitor Centre. Made possible by a \$50,000 Streets Alive Grant and matching Shire funding, the project will see further enhancements, including interpretive signage, landscaping, and a PM 706 replica artwork, with completion set for June 2026.

2024/25 Concrete Footpath Campaign

The 2024/25 Concrete Footpath Campaign is well underway, bringing new footpaths to key areas across Narrogin. Funded through the Federal Government's Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program, this initiative is designed to improve safety and connectivity within the community.

The Shire is committed to building safer, more connected infrastructure that supports the community's needs and enhances road safety for all.

~ SHIRE NOTICES ~

Local Government Elections – Are you Enrolled?

With the State and Federal elections behind us, it's time to prepare for the Local Government elections upcoming in October. Make sure your voice is heard by confirming your enrolment status.

Residents Roll: If you live in the Shire of Narrogin and are on the State Electoral Roll, you are automatically enrolled. Verify or update your details via the WA Electoral Commission's Check Your Enrolment Tool: <https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/oes#/oec>

Owners, Occupier & Nominees Roll: Property owners or occupiers in Narrogin who live elsewhere can apply to be added to the Owner/Occupier Roll. For more details and the application form, visit the Shire's Owners, Occupiers & Nominees page: <https://www.narrogin.wa.gov.au/your-shire/your-council/local-government-elections/owners-occupiers-nominees.aspx>

National Volunteer Week – 19th - 25th May

This National Volunteer Week, take the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the volunteers who make a lasting impact in our community. Volunteers are essential in shaping a stronger, more connected Narrogin. If you're looking to give back, meet new people, and help make a difference, consider joining our volunteer network. To find out how you can get involved, visit the Shire's Volunteering in the Shire page: <https://www.narrogin.wa.gov.au/live/services/volunteering-in-the-shire.aspx>

~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

21 May
Wear Orange Wednesday (SES) Day

19 - 25 May
National Volunteer Week

27 May - 3 June
National Reconciliation Week

28 May
Ordinary Council Meeting at 7PM

2 June
Western Australia Day
(Public Holiday)

18 June
Ordinary Council Meeting at 7PM

OUT 'n' ABOUT

MAKING MACRAMÉ WITH MUM

The Hobson girls proudly displaying their creations with Mum at the NRLC's "Making Macramé with Mum" class.



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The community gathered at Memorial Park for a moving ANZAC Day Commemorative Service, paying tribute to those who served.



MOTHER'S DAY AUSKICK FUN

Penelope Webb, 5, enjoying her post-game piece of fruit at the Mother's Day Auskick event, proudly supported by the Shire of Narrogin.



MONEY BOSS WORKSHOP

Teens gained valuable money management skills at the Money Boss Workshop with Flik Taylor, hosted by the Shire of Narrogin and Curtin University during Youth Week 2025, finishing with pizza and new friendships!

