



Narrogin Narrative

April 2025



OUT 'n' ABOUT

RAIL PRECINCT UPDATE

The 1933 ARM 357 Sleeper Carriage has arrived at the Narrogin Goods Shed, joining the Pm706 locomotive. With shed upgrades underway, this historic addition is a big step for our growing rail precinct.



NEW FOOTPATHS AHEAD

Thanks to \$237,599 in Federal Government funding through LRCIP Phase 4, Narrogin's 2024/25 Concrete Footpath Campaign is underway. Local crew Narrogin Earthmoving & Concrete is delivering smoother, safer footpaths, sooner than planned!

- Butler St (Homer-bus stop & Doney-Hansard)
- Falcon St (Federal-Glyde)
- Homer St (Butler-Argus)
- Grey St (Kipling-Doney)
- Daglish St (Clayton-Ensign)
- Forrest St (82 Forrest-Narrakine Rd)



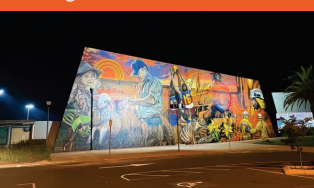
LIBRARY STORY TIME

Author Paul Turley delighted kids and families at the Library on April 2 with a lively reading of Banana's Big Day Out, followed by a fun craft session. Nelly Numbat also made a special appearance, teaching Auslan signs for the days of the week. A joyful and creative morning for all!



NRLC MURAL UPDATE

The NRLC mural now shines day and night! New pavement and floodlights mean the community can enjoy Jerome Davenport's stunning artwork well into the evening.



~ PRESIDENT'S POST ~

As we approach the April school holidays, I hope everyone has the chance to relax and recharge after a busy start to the year. It's hard to believe the first term has already come to a close.

Later this month, our community will come together to mark ANZAC Day. I encourage everyone to attend one of our local services – in Highbury on Saturday 19 April, or in the Narrogin CBD on Friday 25 April. ANZAC Day is a time for reflection and gratitude as we honour those who have served, and those who continue to serve, in defence of our country and values.

Council continues to progress initiatives that support our community. In March, we secured a \$50,000 Streets Alive Grant to help deliver the Railway Precinct Pathway Project, creating a safe pedestrian link between the CBD and the heritage-listed Railway Station. With matching funds from the Shire, the project is due for completion in June 2026.

With the Federal Election on the horizon and calls for stronger State support for regional areas like ours, it's a timely reminder of the importance of standing up for our community's needs.

Finally, as Easter approaches and the seeding season begins, I encourage everyone, especially those travelling long distances or working long hours, to take extra care on the roads. Please plan ahead, take regular breaks, and avoid driving tired. Let's all do our part to ensure a safe and happy holiday season for our families and our community.

Love the life.
Leigh Ballard ~ Shire President

~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

The Council decisions made at the meeting held on 26 March 2025 include:

Draft Local Planning Policy – Tree Farms and Carbon Farming:

The Council approved the Draft Local Planning Policy on Tree Farms and Carbon Farming for public advertising. The policy will be advertised for 21 days, and submissions will be reviewed in a future Council meeting.

Budget Amendment for Senior Citizens' Building Repairs:

The Council amended the 2024/25 Budget to accommodate major roof repairs to the Senior Citizens' Building on Earl Street. In a dual improvement, the Narrogin and Districts Senior Citizens Centre Inc. have agreed to wear the cost of the air conditioner repairs / replacement.

Pigeon Control Strategy:

The Council endorsed the principles of the Pigeon Control and Eradication Strategy, with minor modifications to the policy wording. They will also consider including \$10,000 in the upcoming 2025/26 Budget for strategy implementation and requested the CEO to move forward with the strategy.

Bush Fire Advisory Committee Recommendations:

The Council resolved to make its annual appointments under the Bush Fire Act for Bush Fire Control Officers and Fire Weather Officers. They also approved the 2025/26 Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice, including minor amendments to the Harvesting section, and directed public notice of the appointments and approvals.

Footpath Plaques for Dignitaries:

The Council will consider allocating \$10,000 in the 2025/26 Budget for footpath plaques to honour seven dignitaries on Federal Street. The Council amended the related Policy in order to address cultural sensitivities, and requested the Council's Townscape Advisory Committee to recommend three more dignitaries for future plaques within the \$10,000 allocation (10 in total).

Landcare Project Fund Applications:

The Council approved funding for several Landcare projects, totalling \$11,093, to purchase native plant species for land restoration projects. The budget was amended to support the increased funding, and updated Landcare Grant Guidelines were adopted to prioritise biodiversity and ecological resilience in future applications.

Community Chest Fund 2024/25 Round 2 Applications:

The Council approved several grants from the Community Chest Fund, totalling almost \$12,000, for various community projects, including support for the Narrogin Central Bush Fire Brigade, Narrogin Auskick, and the Narrogin Children & Families Stakeholder Forum. Some applications were not supported due to ineligibility or availability of alternative funding sources.

Draft Local Planning Policy – Temporary/Transient Workforce Accommodation:

The Council approved the Draft Local Planning Policy on Temporary/Transient Workforce Accommodation for public advertising. The policy will be advertised for 21 days, and a further report will be brought to Council for final adoption following the consultation period.

Superannuation Contributions for Elected Members:

The Council resolved to make superannuation contributions for



From Days Gone By – The Locomotive Sheds at Narrogin Railway Station. 1948 - 1950

Elected Members based on meeting fees and allowances. Elected Members are required to submit super fund details by 31 May 2025 and have the option to opt out or salary sacrifice part of their allowances. The Council also amended related Policy No. 8.20 to reflect these changes.

Community Enhancements Fund (CEF) Policy:

The Council adopted the "Narrogin - Love the Life, Power the Future" Community Enhancements Fund Policy. This policy aims to support large-scale renewable energy projects in the Shire. The CEO will communicate the policy to relevant stakeholders and reaffirm the Shire's advocacy position with the State Government.

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 ~

ANZAC Day Commemoration Services:

The community is warmly invited to attend the ANZAC Day Commemoration Services to honour and remember all who have served and who continue to serve our country in times of conflict and peace.

We encourage everyone to come together in tribute to the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of our service men and women.

~ Highbury Townsite, Saturday 19 April 2025 ~

Hosted by the Highbury District Community Council
9:45am Event Commences
10:00am March
10:15am Service at Highbury Hall Park, Burley Street

~ Narrogin CBD, Memorial Park, Friday 25 April 2025 ~

5:30am Dawn Service
9:30am March Assembly
9:45am March
10:00am Morning Service, followed by a light morning tea at the Narrogin Club

~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

~ 18 April 2025 ~
Good Friday Public Holiday

~ 21 April 2025 ~
Easter Monday Public Holiday

~ 23 April 2025 ~
Ordinary Council Meeting

~ 19 April 2025 ~
ANZAC Day Service (Highbury Townsite)

~ 25 April 2025 ~
ANZAC Day Public Holiday
ANZAC Day Service (Narrogin CBD)

~ 28 April 2025 ~
UN World Day for Safety & Health at Work

~ 1 May 2025 ~
End of Restricted Burning Period

~ LIBRARY NEWS ~

We had a delightful Author Story Time event at the R.W. (Bob) Farr Memorial Library on April 2nd. We were thrilled to welcome Paul Turley, the talented author of "Banana's Big Day Out." Paul captivated the audience with his engaging reading of the story, bringing the characters to life with his expressive narration. After the reading, Paul guided us through a fun and creative activity where everyone had the chance to create their very own Banana characters to take home. Adding to the excitement, our beloved Nelly Numbat also joined in. Nelly even taught us some Auslan signs for the days of the week.

Celebrate Youth Week WA 2025 with us. During the school holidays we're hosting a special program that explores games from around the world. Each day at 2:00 PM come to the library and create your own games to learn about different cultures and the lives of children globally.

The Library is also hosting a School Holiday Animal Crossing afternoon on Thursday, 17th of April at 2:00 PM. All Animal Crossing players are invited to bring their devices and share their amazing island creations.



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