



Narrogin Narrative

July 2026



Shire of
Narrogin



Narrogin Sale Yards with the First Hordern Hotel (Michael Brown's Wayside Inn) in background. Located North Earl Street. Taken in 1890s

President's Post

As we farewell June, it's encouraging to reflect on another productive month for the Shire of Narrogin and the many positive things happening across our community.

Council has continued to focus on planning for the future while responding to local priorities. At our June Ordinary Council Meeting, we supported bringing forward the construction of a footpath on Sydney Hall Way following a community petition and endorsed the Interconnecting Wheatbelt Rail Trails initiative, an exciting regional project with the potential to boost tourism, recreation and economic opportunities across the Wheatbelt.

June has also been a busy month for community engagement. We acknowledged Thank a First Responder Day, recognising the invaluable contribution of our emergency service volunteers and personnel who keep our community safe throughout the year. Our Library has continued promoting early literacy through the Better Beginnings program, helping local families foster a lifelong love of reading from an early age.

As winter settles in and our farming community continues with the growing season, it's pleasing to see renewed activity across the district.

The Shire has also continued progressing important projects, preparing the 2026/27 Budget and Corporate Business Plan, and reviewing priorities to ensure we continue delivering quality services and infrastructure for our residents.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Michael Cole for his leadership as Interim Chief Executive Officer over recent months. We appreciate his commitment to the Shire and wish him all the very best for the future as we welcome our new Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Campbell, who officially commenced with the Shire on 1 July.

On behalf of Council, thank you to everyone who continues to contribute to making Narrogin such a vibrant and welcoming community. We look forward to another positive month ahead.

Leigh Ballard
Shire President
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24 Hour Gym Access!

We're excited to announce that 24hr Gym is coming to Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre!

Soon you'll have the freedom to train when it suits you. We know life can be busy, and we're thrilled to offer our members the flexibility to work out on their own schedule.

To access the gym outside of staffed hours, all members will need to complete a 24hr Facility Induction and sign our updated Membership Terms & Conditions, which have been revised to reflect the introduction of 24hr gym access.

For more information and to find out when inductions are being held please visit our website:

<https://www.narrogin.wa.gov.au/news/?c=2>

June Council Meeting Wrap-Up

At its June Ordinary Council Meeting, the Shire of Narrogin Council considered a range of planning, infrastructure and governance matters.

Council accepted a community petition seeking improvements to the Narrogin Skate Park and requested a report be prepared on the proposal.

A development application for an oversized outbuilding on Doney Street was refused after Council determined it did not comply with Residential Design Code requirements.

Following a petition from residents, Council resolved to bring forward the construction of a footpath on Sydney Hall Way into the 2026/27 Budget and will

request Main Roads WA investigate the installation of stop or give way signs at two intersections in the area.

Council also adopted the annual review of its Corporate Business Plan, endorsed the annual review of the Delegations Register, and approved advertising of the proposed 2026/27 differential rates for public comment before the budget is finalised.

In support of regional tourism and recreation, Council endorsed the Beverley-Narrogin Transport Trail Strategic Plan and the Interconnecting Wheatbelt Rail Trails initiative, while noting that any future financial commitments will require separate Council approval.

Council also noted the May financial reports and accounts and approved the annual write-off of unrecoverable non-rate debts.

Employment Opportunities

- Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services
- Finance Officer – Rates
- Recreation Officer
- Lifeguard
- Library Officer
- Plant Operator / General Hand
- Duty Supervisor – NRLC
- Aquatic Education Officer

More information on these positions can be found on our website.

NAIDOC WEEK

The Shire of Narrogin proudly acknowledges and celebrates NAIDOC Week, held from 5–12 July, recognising the rich histories, diverse cultures, remarkable achievements, and continuing contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work, and to Elders past, present, and emerging.

This year's theme, "50 Years of Deadly," marks a significant milestone, celebrating five decades of NAIDOC as a national movement that has championed First Nations voices, Culture, resilience and community. It recognises the Elders, activists, artists, community leaders and organisations whose dedication has helped shape NAIDOC into the powerful celebration it is today.

While NAIDOC Week is celebrated nationally in July, the Narrogin community celebrates locally in September, when the warmer weather allows our Elders, families and the wider community to come together comfortably.



MORLEY LEOS

The Shire of Narrogin recently welcomed 40 students from Morley Senior High School's Leo Club, who travelled to Narrogin to work alongside Divine You and gain valuable community service experience.

During their visit, the students toured the Council Chambers, where they learned about the Shire's community services and the importance of leadership in local government. Staff also shared their own leadership journeys, offering insights into their experiences and inspiring students to develop their own leadership skills.



Library News

The Narrogin Library sends a heartfelt thanks to all our community readers and partner organisations for their wonderful support during the 2025 and 2026 National Simultaneous Storytime events. Your enthusiasm has helped the Narrogin Library earn a Commendation at this year's Library Innovation Awards, recognising the collective effort that makes our NSS event so special. As we celebrate this achievement, we're excited to welcome families to our vibrant July School Holiday Program, running daily at 2pm from July 6 – 17. Children can enjoy two weeks of creative, culturally rich activities—from damper making and dot painting to koala cup crafts, pom-pom galahs, and echidna masks—offering a fun and meaningful way to engage with NAIDOC Week and Australian wildlife themes.

