



# Narrogin Narrative

May 2026



Shire of  
**Narrogin**



**Towns Football Club Premiers 1924. Players :** C. Mickle, J. Antony, C. Barron, V. Kelso, D. Barron, B. Mason, I. Harrold, L. Pettit, A. E. Duncuff, S. Parsons (vice captain), J. Brennan (captain), J. Turner, W. E. Townsend, C. Hendley, R. Lambert, B. Humphreys, L. Hamming, H. Moran

## ~ DEPUTY PRESIDENT'S POST ~

As we reflect on April, it has been a month of both commemoration and transition for the Shire of Narrogin.

Our community came together with great respect and pride to mark ANZAC Day. The strong attendance at services and events in Narrogin and Highbury was a powerful reminder of the enduring spirit of remembrance. I thank everyone who contributed to making the day so meaningful, ensuring the sacrifices of our servicemen and women are never forgotten.

This month also marks a significant period of change within our organisation. After seven years of dedicated service, we farewelled our Chief Executive Officer, Dale Stewart. Dale has made a lasting contribution to the Shire, guiding key projects and strengthening our organisation, and we thank him sincerely for his leadership.

We are pleased to welcome Michael Cole, who has stepped into the role of Interim CEO. Michael brings valuable experience and will provide steady leadership during this transition period.

Looking ahead, Council has appointed Andrew Campbell as our new Chief Executive Officer, commencing on 1 July. We look forward to welcoming Andrew to Narrogin and working together to continue delivering for our community.

Beyond these changes, April has seen continued progress across a range of local initiatives, from community development activities to ongoing infrastructure works that support the livability and growth of our Shire.

As always, I thank our staff, volunteers and residents for their ongoing commitment to making Narrogin a vibrant and connected community.

*Narrogin - Love the Life.*

**Graham Broad - Deputy Shire President**

## ~ COUNCIL DECISIONS ~

Council decisions made at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 22 April 2026 included:

A request from a ratepayer to waive \$15.70 in late payment interest was declined, with Council reinforcing consistent application of its fees and charges policy.

Arts and culture featured prominently, with Council deferring a decision on increased funding for Arts Narrogin to June budget discussions. However, it supported a separate \$6,000 contribution toward a major art collection project, subject to grant success.

In economic development, Council approved up to \$7,500 in funding to improve a prominent CBD building façade on Federal Street, supporting town centre revitalisation.

A Blue Tree mural promoting mental health awareness was also approved for the Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre, with conditions on location and inclusion of support resources.

Council also progressed recruitment of a new Chief Executive Officer following the current CEO's resignation, authorising an employment offer after a formal selection process.

The full minutes can be found on the Shire's website with public copies available at the Library and Shire

## ~ LIBRARY NEWS ~

The R.W. (Bob) Farr Memorial Library is inviting the community to come together for this year's National Simultaneous Storytime on 27 May, joining thousands of Australians in a nationwide celebration of reading. Families can enjoy a special locally created storytime video, followed by fun morning activities supported by Amity Health. The event is free, open to all ages, and offers both in-person and virtual participation, making it an accessible and engaging way for the Narrogin community to share the joy of storytelling.

Administration. Council Meetings commence at 7:00 pm and are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Community members are most welcome to attend. Entrance to Council Chambers is via the door near the William Kennedy Way carpark.

## ~ HOMECARE HIGHLIGHTS ~

### Narrogin Homecare: A Time of Transition and Reflection

As winter approaches, the Narrogin Homecare team continues to support our local community through a period of transition while reflecting on the connections that make homecare such an important part of life in our region.

Over recent months, the majority of Narrogin's Support at Home clients have transitioned to Silverchain, with services continuing to operate smoothly. We are pleased that care arrangements have remained stable and would like to acknowledge the patience and flexibility shown by clients and families during this change. A small number of clients have also chosen to explore alternative options through Homemade via Williams CRC, reflecting the varied needs and preferences within our community.

For clients receiving support through the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP), services continue as usual while we await formal confirmation from the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing regarding the incoming provider. While this decision is still pending, planning is progressing behind the scenes, and once confirmed, the transition process is expected to commence from 1 July 2026. Importantly, there is currently no disruption to CHSP services, and clients will be kept informed as soon as official updates are available.

One change that has been particularly meaningful for many is the upcoming conclusion of Group Activities at Jessie House, with the final session scheduled for Friday, 29 May.

These gatherings have provided far more than structured activities; they have fostered friendships, routine and a strong sense of belonging. While there will be no group activities from June, discussions are underway to explore possible alternative arrangements. Although nothing has been confirmed yet, there is a genuine commitment to finding options that continue to support social connection for older residents.

From April, Narrogin Homecare's business hours have changed to Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm for phone calls and in-person visits. These revised hours allow the team to focus on service coordination and continuity during this transitional period.

As always, we are grateful to be part of the Narrogin community.

While change continues, the values at the heart of homecare – dignity, care and connection – remain constant. Thank you to everyone who continues to place their trust in local services during this time.

## ~ SHIRE NOTICES ~

### Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre Temporary Closure of Aquatic Area and 25m Pool

The NRLC aquatic area, including the 25m indoor pool, will be temporarily closed to the public from Friday 1 May 2026.

This closure is required to allow for the replacement of the pool liner, which will improve the longevity, safety, and overall user experience of the facility.

We anticipate re-opening the aquatic area and 25m pool on Friday 1 June 2026 (earlier if possible) and will keep the community informed should this date change.

## ~ IMPORTANT DATES ~

### 1 May to 1 October 2026

Burning permits no longer required. While permits are no longer needed, residents are urged to remain cautious and responsible when undertaking any burning activities.

### 18-24 May

National Volunteer Week

### 20 May 2026

Wear Orange Wednesday

### 27 May—3 June 2026

National Reconciliation Week

The Shire will deliver a series of community-focused events as part of Reconciliation Week 2026, centred on the theme "All In", promoting unity, understanding, and meaningful engagement across the community.

### Community Breakfast Launch

Date: Wednesday, 27 May 2026

Time: 8:30am – 10:30am

### Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion

Date: Thursday, 21 May 2026

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Venue: Narrogin Senior High School Performing Arts Centre

For more information please see our website or Facebook page.



## OUT 'n' ABOUT

### MAJOR CLEAN ENERGY UPGRADE PROJECT

The Shire of Narrogin welcomes the Federal Government's announcement of \$535,358 in Federal funding to electrify Narrogin Regional Leisure Centre's facilities. For more details go to our website or Facebook page.



### NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

On 22 April 2026, the Shire of Narrogin proudly hosted a citizenship ceremony welcoming three new members to the Australian community: Jennifer, Irene and Shundai! welcoming three new citizens. Each conferee received their certificate and a small gift from Council.



### NEW SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION UNITS OFFICIALLY OPENED

The Shire of Narrogin has officially opened 18 new short-term accommodation units at the Narrogin Caravan Park, marking a significant milestone in supporting regional growth and workforce demand.

The project was formally launched today by the Honourable Stephen Dawson, MLC Minister for Regional Development; Ports, Science and Innovation; Medical Research and Minister for the Kimberley, alongside Shire representatives, key stakeholders, and local contractors.



### YOUTH FESTIVAL

The Youth Week Festival was successfully delivered at Alby Park on 10 April 2026, attracting strong participation from local and regional young people. The event promoted wellbeing, inclusion and community connection through diverse activities, with positive feedback received. Collaboration across teams and partners ensured safe, smooth delivery, supporting the Shire's youth engagement objectives.

