



MINUTES

TOWNSCAPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

SHIRE OF NARROGIN

11 AUGUST 2026

The Chief Executive Officer recommends the endorsement of these minutes at the next meeting of the Townscape Advisory Committee.

Signed: Date 18 August 2026

These minutes were confirmed at the Townscape Advisory Committee Meeting held _____

Signed:.....
(Presiding Person at the meeting at which minutes were confirmed)

Acknowledgement of Noongar People

The Shire of Narrogin acknowledges the Noongar people as traditional custodians of this land and their continuing connection to land and community. We pay our respect to them, to their culture and to their Elders past and present.

Naatj ngiyan Birdiya Gnarojin kep unna nidja Noongar Moort ngaala maya nidja boodjera baarlap djoowak karlerl koolark. Ngalak niny ngullang karnan balang Bibolman baalap borong koora wer boorda.

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Narrogin
Love the life

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN 2017-27

SNAPSHOT

VISION

To be a leading regional economic driver and a socially interactive and inclusive community.

MISSION

Provide leadership, direction and opportunities for the community.

KEY PRINCIPLES

In achieving the Vision and Mission, we will set achievable goals and work with the community to maintain a reputation of openness, honesty and accountability. In doing so we will:

- Respect the points of view of individuals and groups;
- Build on existing community involvement;
- Encourage community leadership;
- Promote self-reliance and initiative;
- Recognise and celebrate achievement;
- Support the principles of social justice; and
- Acknowledge the value of staff and volunteers.

OUR VALUES

Care with Trust & Teamwork

Caring - We display kindness and concern for one another and our community

Accountability - We accept responsibility for our actions and outcomes

Respect - We treat everyone how we would like to be treated

Excellence - We go the extra mile to deliver outstanding services

Trust - We share without fear of consequences

Team Work - We work together for a common goal

ECONOMIC



Support growth and progress, locally and regionally...

Growth in revenue opportunities

- Attract new industry, business, investment and encourage diversity whilst encouraging growth of local business
- Promote Narrogin and the Region
- Promote Narrogin's health and aged services including aged housing

Increased Tourism

- Promote, develop tourism and maintain local attractions

An effective well maintained transport network

- Maintain and improve road network in line with resource capacity
- Review and implement the Airport Master Plan

Agriculture opportunities maintained and developed

- Support development of agricultural services

SOCIAL



Provide community facilities and promote social interaction...

Provision of youth services

- Develop and implement a youth strategy

Build a healthier and safer community

- Support the provision of community security services and facilities
- Advocate for mental health and social support services
- Continue and improve provision of in-home care services

Existing strong community spirit and pride is fostered, promoted and encouraged

- Develop and activate Sport and Recreation Master Plan
- Engage and support community groups and volunteers
- Facilitate and support community events
- Provide improved community facilities (eg library/recreation)
- Encourage and support continued development of arts and culture

Cultural and heritage diversity is recognised

- Maintain and enhance heritage assets
- Support our Narrogin cultural and indigenous community

A broad range of quality education services and facilities servicing the region

- Advocate for increased education facilities for the region
- Advocate for and support increased education services

ENVIRONMENT



Conserve, protect and enhance our natural and built environment...

A preserved natural environment

- Conserve, enhance, promote and rehabilitate the natural environment

Effective waste services

- Support the provision of waste services

Efficient use of resources

- Increase resource usage efficiency

A well maintained built environment

- Improve and maintain built environment

CIVIC



Continually enhance the Shire's organisational capacity to service the needs of a growing community...

An efficient and effective organisation

- Continually improve operational efficiencies and provide effective services
- Continue to enhance communication and transparency

An employer of choice

- Provide a positive, desirable workplace

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TOWNSCAPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11 AUGUST 2026

1. OFFICIAL OPENING

As Cr McNab, Presiding Member of the Townscape Advisory Committee (TAC), was an apology for this meeting, John Warburton, Executive Manager Infrastructure Services (EMIS), declared the meeting open at 5:16 pm.

The EMIS called for nominations from the Committee for a Member to act as Presiding Member for the duration of this meeting.

The EMIS handed over the chair to Cr Pomykala as he was the only elected member present.

Cr Pomykala was elected and declared by the EMIS as Acting Presiding Member for this meeting and assumed the role of Presiding Member.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Committee Members (Voting)

Cr J Pomykala

Cr C Bartron

Mrs K Weaver – Arts Narrogin

Mr M Wray – Highbury District Community Council

Ms J Early – Community Member

Mrs V Chadwick – Community Member (Special Focus)

Mr B Seale – Narrogin Chamber of Commerce

Staff

Mr J Warburton – Executive Manager Infrastructure services (EMIS)

Mrs L van Heerden – Executive Support Officer (ESO)

Apologies

Cr R McNab (Presiding Member)

Absent

Mrs D Broad – Community Member

Visitors

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE TOWNSCAPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION & COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: J Early

Seconded: M Wray

That the minutes of the Townscape Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 June 2026 be confirmed, as an accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED 5/0

For: Cr Pomykala, K Weaver, M Wray, J Early and V Chadwick

Against: Nil

4. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / INFORMATION

4.1 MAJOR ENTRY STATEMENT PROJECT – UPDATE

The Executive Manager Infrastructure Services (EMIS) advised the Committee that a report regarding the Major Entry Statement Project was presented to Council for consideration at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 July 2026. The report outlined the feedback received through the public consultation process, following which Council resolved:

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

OFFICERS' & TOWNSCAPE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION & COUNCIL RESOLUTION 220726.02

Moved: Cr Fisher

Seconded: Cr Pomykala

That with respect to Major Entry Statements, that Council:

- 1) Do not proceed with the Major Entry Statement project as presented in the attachment; and
- 2) Refer the project to the Townscape Advisory Committee for further consideration and refinement.

Carried by Simple Majority 6/0

For: President Ballard, Cr Bartron, Cr Pomykala, Cr Fisher, Cr McNab, Cr Wiese

Against: Nil

The EMIS recommends that the Committee further workshop the Major Entry Statement Project to review the consultation outcomes and consider potential options and next steps.

4.2 MAJOR ENTRY STATEMENT CONCEPT PRESENTATION

The EMIS presented a refreshed concept for the Narrogin Entry Statements, based on a concept developed by Cr McNab following consideration of community feedback and aimed at celebrating the broader identity of Narrogin. The refreshed concept retains the iconic silos, recognising their significance to the community, while incorporating additional elements that reflect Narrogin's rich railway history, Aboriginal heritage, natural environment, and welcoming community. The concept also proposes the inclusion of local Noongar artwork, enhanced landscaping, and the continued use of the Shire's "Love the Life" branding, creating an entry statement that honours Narrogin's past while better representing the diverse stories and character of the town today.

Please find attached Cr McNab's presentation, together with concept images of the refreshed Narrogin Entry Statement, including both daytime and night-time views, for the Committee's information and consideration.

Cr Bartron joined the meeting at 5.22 pm and Mr B Seale joined the meeting at 5.36 pm.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed Major Entry Statements, during which Committee members considered a number of possibilities for the project.

The Committee discussed the proposed entry statement concept designed by Cr McNab. Jacqui Early advised that she liked the railway and Aboriginal artwork elements; however, she expressed concern that incorporating the train into the design may be costly. Kay Weaver commented that, in her opinion, the proposed design was too busy and that the Aboriginal artwork did not appear to be sufficiently integrated into the overall design.

The Executive Manager Infrastructure Services (EMIS) enquired whether the Committee wished to continue progressing the project or consider shelving it entirely. Cr Pomykala advised that shelving the project entirely was not considered the best option.

Vicky Chadwick left the meeting at 5:50 pm.

Following an extended discussion regarding the future direction of the project, the Committee agreed to the following:

Committee members are to workshop alternative design concepts for the entry statements, with the proposed designs to be presented at the next Townscape Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for 20 October 2026 at 5:15 pm. The Committee will then select two preferred design options.

In accordance with a Committee resolution, the two preferred designs, together with a no-change option, will be presented to Council for consideration.

All design concepts are to be submitted to EMIS by 10 October 2026.

All members present agreed with the above outcome.

Narrogin Entry Statement Concept Presentation

I'd like to explain the thinking behind this refreshed concept for Narrogin's Entry Statements.

Before putting this concept together, I spent some time looking at the feedback the community gave when the idea of replacing the existing entry statements with stone walls was raised. One thing that came through really clearly was that people wanted to keep the silos because they're an iconic part of Narrogin and something they are proud of. Council listened to that feedback, and I completely agreed, the silos have to stay.

This concept isn't about replacing something people love. It's about refreshing what we already have and building on it. The silos are staying because they're a big part of Narrogin's identity. But while they tell an important part of our story, they don't tell the whole story.

Narrogin is about so much more than agriculture. It's also about our railway history, our Aboriginal heritage, our beautiful natural environment and most importantly, the people who make this community what it is. That's what this refreshed design is aiming to do. It keeps the parts people already love while adding other parts of our story, so the entry statement better reflects the whole community.

The steam locomotive recognises Narrogin's important railway history. The railway played a huge role in how our town grew, bringing people, goods and communities together across the Wheatbelt. Using corten steel gives it a simple, timeless look that ties in nicely with the other elements.

The Aboriginal artwork recognises that Narrogin is on Wiilman Noongar Boodja. It acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their continuing connection to this country, while celebrating the rich Aboriginal culture that is an important part of Narrogin's story today. I'd also love to see this artwork created by a local Noongar artist, someone like Chanté Kickett, whose design on the mural has become such a well-loved part of our town. Having a local artist involved would make the artwork authentic, meaningful and something the community could really be proud of.

The numbat represents the amazing wildlife we have in our region, and together with the native wildflowers and landscaping, it highlights the natural beauty we're lucky enough to enjoy here. The landscaping will also soften the entry statement and create a welcoming first impression for people arriving in town.

The Shire's slogan, "Love the Life," remains an important part of the design because it's already part of Narrogin's identity and reinforces the welcoming community we all know. For me, this concept isn't about changing who we are. It's about telling more of our story.

A town's entry statement should do more than welcome people into town. It should give visitors a feel for the place they're arriving in and remind locals what makes their community special and I think this design does that. It keeps the iconic silos that people want to keep, but it also celebrates our railway history, acknowledges our First Nations culture, showcases our natural environment and reflects the community Narrogin is today. It's about refreshing the way we tell our story – keeping what we already love while making sure more of our community is represented.



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5. ACTION TRACKER UPDATE

The Action Tracker was updated and presented as Attachment 4.

The EMIS advised that the Shire is currently awaiting delivery of the plaques for the CBD Plaque Project.



Townscape Advisory Committee Action Tracker

Project/Task	Start Date	Action	Responsible Officer	Estimated Completion Date	Comments/Update
Public Art Map	02.08.2022	A Public Art interactive map, similar to the Heritage Walk Trail, for inclusion on the Shire's website; and A whole of Shire Heritage Trail, highlighting type A & type B sites from the Local Heritage Survey 2019, as an interactive map for inclusion on the Shire's website.	MCLC/CDO	Nearing Completion	The CEO instructed the CD team to investigate and create a Public Art trail and a Shire Heritage trail, on the izi.TRAVEL app. This has been put on the backburner as the CD team have worked on the completion of the relocation of the Visitor Centre and the Walk Trails. It will be progressed in the new year. Jan 23 - No progress on this project at present April 23 - MCLC will progress when time permits. 27/09/23 - This item has been referred to the MCCS. 9/02/24 – No change in status at this time, Item to be hastened. 24/6/25 – MCS advised SoN has received and invitation to participate in <i>WA Public Art Inventory</i>, a state-wide project to document and promote public artworks coordinated by Museum of Perth. Annual fee of \$499 with website showcasing art and artist bios to be launched in October 2025. CEDC seeking high quality photographs of Narrogin public art. 17/9/25 – MCS advised limited progress on this project to date, however will be focused over next couple of months. 17/2/26 - Significant progress has been made by the MCES with the development of the Public Art Trail map and that the webpage is nearing completion. The MCES will be doing a short presentation for the TAC at the next meeting. 25/3/2026 Nearing Completion
CBD Plaque Project	25.02.2025	Installation of bronze plaques in CBD footpath to acknowledge individuals and groups who have made significant, positive contributions to the community.	EMIS	Jun-26	25/3/26 - New quotes have been sought and information regarding the candidates is being double checked for accuracy prior to the plaques being ordered.
Entry Statements	24.06.2025	Replace existing Silo Entry Statements with new design	EMIS	Jun-26	25/3/26 - Formal quotations have been sought for the supply of the new entry statements.

6. 10 YEAR PUBLIC ART PROGRAM UPDATE

The 10 Year Public Art Program 2025-2035 was updated and presented as Attachment 5.

The Committee reviewed the 10-Year Public Art Program and discussed potential projects to be undertaken should the Committee decide not to proceed with the Major Entry Statement project.

The EMIS advised that the next project identified in the program is the installation of an art structure at the roundabouts. Jacqui Early advised that Main Roads will be providing guidelines that the Shire will be required to adhere to. The Shire will then be required to develop and submit a proposal to Main Roads for consideration and approval.

Cr Bartron expressed an interest in the Committee considering the Cemetery Art Structure/s project as the next priority, following Council's approval of the revitalisation of the Cemetery as part of the 2026/27 Capex Budget.

The EMIS noted that changing the order of projects within the 10-Year Public Art Program would require the program to be formally restructured and a report presented to Council for consideration.

The EMIS suggested that, given the Committee's interest in reprioritising projects, it would be appropriate to undertake a comprehensive review and restructure of the 10-Year Public Art Program. Committee members would workshop the program collectively to determine the preferred order and priorities for future projects.

Following the workshop, a report will be prepared and presented to Council seeking approval and adoption of the revised 10-Year Public Art Program.

Shire of Narrogin 10 Year Public Art Program 2025-2035					
Projects	*Provisional non-scoped cost ex GST	Duration Of Project Years	Financial Year	Status	Comments
Entry Statement Replacement	*\$200k	1	2025-2027	Underway	Replacement existing Silo Entry Statement with new design (masonry/ steel) inclusive of Highbury (8 @ up to \$25k each).
Roundabout Art Structure	*\$240k	1	2027-2029	Not Started	Install art structure on Roundabouts X 3 Pioneer Drive, Kipling 1 st , Herald 2 nd and Federal 3 rd @ \$80k each.
Murals	*\$120k	1	2029-2030	Not Started	Install a Mural on the Goods Shed and the Telstra Building @ \$60k each.
Federal Street/ Fortune Street – Art Structure	*\$80k	1	2030-2031	Not Started	Art structure where the clock tower is located.
Foxes Lair – Art Structure	*\$60k	1	2031-2032	Not Started	Art structure on Williams Rd near entry, Install and art structure.
Cemetery Art Structure/s	*\$80k	1	2032-2033	Not Started	Artwork/ structure along the boundary adjoining Williams Road.
Gnarrojin Park – Iconic Art Structure	*\$100k	1	2033-2034	Not Started	Pioneer Drv concrete slab near Kipling Street.
Federal St/ Clayton Rd – Art Structure	*\$100k	1	2034-2035	Not Started	Large Art Structure SE Cnr where garden bed is.
Total	\$980k	10 Years	2025-2035		Average annual expenditure over 10 years: \$98k

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

8. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

Nil.

9. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 20 October 2026 at 5:15 pm.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.39 pm.



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