

# From the Chief

3 September 2025



## Bright Lights Shine on Narembeen Hockey

After many delays, the long-awaited hockey lighting project is finally complete.

The Hockey Club had the chance to enjoy their final training session under the new lights last Thursday — just in time for the grand final. Whether coincidence or good luck, it may have been a good omen, with the Women's A and B Grade and Men's teams all bringing home premiership wins. A huge congratulations to the teams on this fantastic achievement.

This lighting upgrade was made possible through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, under the Club Night Lights Program. The total project cost of \$325,286 included significant contributions from the Hockey Club, the Shire of Narembeen, and Go Narembeen, who contributed \$60,000 toward the broader town oval lighting upgrade project, benefiting the wider community.

The Shire would like to acknowledge and thank Garrick Yandle (Haddeo Infrastructure Agriculture Pty Ltd) for his efforts and experience in managing this project — particularly for his work liaising between the contractor, Hockey Club, and the Shire. Great work, Garrick!

The successful completion of this project builds on the recent CNLP funding awarded for the football oval lighting upgrade, anticipated for completion in June 2026. Once finished, this combined lighting enhancement will meet Australian Standards and create more opportunities for night-time events and recreational activities in our community.

We are incredibly fortunate as a community to have been successful in three CNLP funding rounds, securing support for:

- Narembeen Tennis Club
- Narembeen Hockey Club
- Narembeen Football Club / Town Oval

Well done to all involved in bringing these projects to life and supporting the growth and improvement of our local sporting infrastructure.



## **Congratulations to Narembeen Netball and Footy!**

A huge well done to our Narembeen Netball A1 and B teams on their premiership wins, and to the A2 team for a fantastic effort making it to the finals – a great season all round!

Shoutout also to our Footy Little League for bringing home the premiership flag – great job, team!

Combined with our recent Hockey Club wins, that is six premiership flags for Narembeen this winter sports season. **Way to go, Hawks!**

## **Shire Leadership and Teamwork Keep Shire Running Smoothly**

I would like to sincerely acknowledge and thank our Acting CEO, Ben Forbes, for stepping into the CEO role while I was away on annual leave. Taking on the responsibilities of CEO—while still maintaining your own role-specific tasks—is no small feat. It is a demanding and often thankless task, and I am truly grateful for Ben's efforts.

It was a great comfort to be able to relax and enjoy my break, knowing everything was in capable hands. I am reassured and proud to see that our managerial leadership and team continue to demonstrate strong capacity, capability, and resilience in maintaining smooth operations.

A big thank you to Ben and the team – fantastic job all round!

## **Mt Walker Standpipe Works – Community Update**

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) has finalised recommission the old Mount Walker standpipe.

A new bore has been drilled and installed. The 250kL onsite tank is currently about one-third to half full, and access is anticipated to be available by mid-September, once the tank has had adequate time to fill. Please note that filling is weather-dependent and estimated to require approximately 10 sunny days.

Access to the standpipe will remain locked until the tank is full and Council has finalised access controls. This is due to the limited storage capacity and the time required to refill the tank between uses.

DWER will retain responsibility for the assets, including insurance, until they are formally transferred to the Shire in the coming weeks.

We appreciate your patience as we work to bring this infrastructure online to support local water needs.



## Shire Secures Approvals for Cultural Interpretation Project at Emu Hill

Through the dedicated efforts of Project Officer Kyla Padfield, and ongoing collaboration with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), the Shire of Narembeen is pleased to advise that authority has been secured from the Department of Aboriginal Sites (DAS) to proceed with a meaningful community project at Emu Hill.

This approval allows the Narembeen Historical Society to construct a visitor information shelter and install interpretive panels that will highlight the cultural and historical significance of the Emu Hill site. This project will provide both locals and visitors with a deeper understanding of the area's rich heritage and promote respectful engagement with the landscape.

To support the long-term sustainability and management of the site, the Shire has also applied to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) requesting a change in vesting. The aim is to have the triangular portion of the reserve formally vested to the Shire of Narembeen, allowing for improved care, access, and development of this important historical site.

This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the persistence and hard work of everyone involved. We look forward to seeing the project progress and to the valuable cultural and educational benefits it will bring to the community.



## New Community Funding Opportunity - Bin 2 Bin Benefit Fund

Hurt to Help Limited is proud to launch the Bin 2 Bin Benefit Fund, a new community grant program designed to give back to the Narembeen community.

This initiative, made possible through the success of the Bin 2 Bin Marathon, will contribute up to \$7,000 in its inaugural year to support local projects that promote wellbeing, connection, and resilience.

The program will be administered through the Narembeen CRC in conjunction with the Community Benefit Fund, proudly supported by Ramelius Resources, Go Narembeen, and the Shire of Narembeen.

Applications will open in the coming weeks – stay tuned for more information on how to apply and make a positive impact in your community.

## We are Semi Finalists

The nomination for SOCK (Save Our Country Kids) has made it to the semi-finals in the Insurance Commission of Western Australia Regional Safety Award, which forms part of the 2025 7NEWS Western Australian Community Achievement Awards.

The Awards encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions that individuals, communities and businesses make throughout regional and rural Western Australia.

We hope to make to the finalist stage!

## Thinking of Nominating for Council?

Nominations for Council are opening on Thursday, and anyone interested in nominating for the upcoming local government election is encouraged to prepare early.

To nominate, candidates must:

1. Complete the official nomination form
2. Submit a candidate profile
3. Pay a \$100 deposit
4. Complete the mandatory online induction

Useful links:

- **Candidate Resources:** <https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/LGE25Candidate-Resources>
- **Mandatory Induction:** <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/local-governments/council-elections/induction-for-prospective-candidates>

All nomination documents must be submitted **in person** to the Returning Officer. Nominations can only be accepted when the Returning Officer is present at the Shire office - **Thursday, 4 September 2025**.

If you are unable to attend in person, you may nominate via a proxy using a '**nomination by agent**' form (available via the link above). It is strongly recommended to also provide a signed letter authorising your proxy.

To avoid any last-minute issues, candidates are advised to:

- Contact the Returning Officer as soon as possible
- Confirm nomination requirements
- Book an appointment for Thursday, 4 September — ideally earlier in the day to allow time for any corrections if needed

### Returning Officer Contact Details:

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## Nominations Now Open for the 2026 Community Citizen of the Year Awards

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond for our community? Each year on **Australia Day**, the Community Citizen of the Year Awards give us the chance to recognise outstanding individuals and groups who make a real difference in our town.

These awards celebrate the spirit of community – the volunteers, the leaders, the quiet achievers – who give their time, energy and heart to make Narembeen a better place to live.

**Now's the time to nominate!** Whether it's a neighbour, a friend, or a local group, we all know someone who deserves to be acknowledged.

Submit your nomination online or drop by the Narembeen CRC to collect a paper nomination form.

We encourage individuals, community groups, and organisations to talk about potential candidates and help shine a light on our local heroes. Let's celebrate the people who make Narembeen great!