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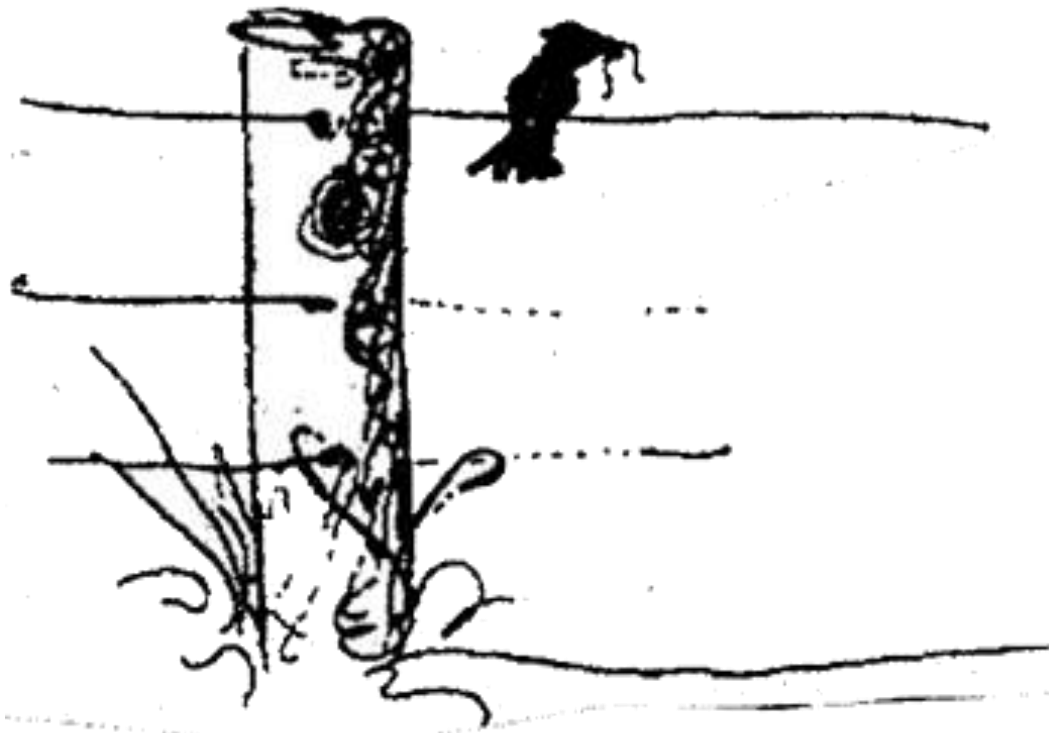
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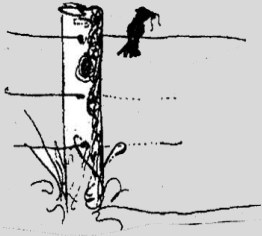
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Over the Fence....

Update!

At the moment the Fence Post will try to continue to run a weekly edition but as we have seen, things can change very quickly! Please continue to send your ads and updates via email to fencepost@westnet.com.au

Welcome...

Lovely to see Sherrie Heather's son, Alex and daughter in law, Pia with first granddaughter, 4 month old Nora here in Narembeen. They have enjoyed catching up with family, walking around Walker Lake and as always generally everything about Narem.

Thumbs Up!

Shout out to all at Narembeen IGA on a job well done in the way they have managed the Coronavirus situation. They've really looked after our community.

Life Membership

Congratulations to Robert Miolini of the Narembeen Tennis Club and Karen Bormolini of the Mt Walker Tennis Club, each honoured with Life Membership for their respective clubs. Very well deserved!

We Can Do This!!

Many of us may be experiencing moments of panic about what is going to happen to us and to our families. Some of us or our friends and family may have lost jobs or have had our anticipated incomes reduced. Some families may lose their loved ones. These are very uncertain times even in our lovely town. Let's all endeavour to do our best to help each other get through the next few months together. Please keep in touch with friends, acquaintances and other community members with regular phone calls to check up on their welfare and provide encouragement.

An announcement by the Prime Minister on Sunday 23 March 2020

Prime Minister Scott Morrison has announced a mass closure of pubs, clubs, gyms, cinemas, religious venues and other “non-essential” indoor facilities starting from midday today, following a meeting with state premiers and chief ministers on Sunday night.

After a day of chaos in which News South Wales and Victoria pre-empted the meeting with announcements of restrictions on non-essential activity in response to rising COVID-19 infections, Morrison criticised Australians who had ignored social distancing measures, and expressed regret that workers and business owners “will suffer the economic hardship that undoubtedly they will now have to face”. Restaurants and cafes will only be permitted to offer takeaway and delivery services. Shopping centres, supermarkets, banks, pharmacies, and hairdressers are among the businesses that will continue operating

Some more information on the second stimulus package and announcement by the Prime Minister on Sunday 22 March 2020. A summary for you kindly provided by Caroline Robinson:

Australians are advised not to travel in the wake of the coronavirus crisis unless the travel is essential in the course of your day-to-day life.

Unaffected businesses include shopping centres, supermarkets, banks, petrol stations, pharmacies, convenience stores, freight and logistics and food delivery.

Licensed clubs, pubs, cinemas, casinos, nightclubs and places of worship to close from midday Monday 23 March 2020

Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to takeaway service only from Monday 23 March at midday (service to customers at the front door, order ahead or home delivery)

The Western Australian border is to close from 1:30pm on Tuesday 24 March 2020, with the Government requiring incoming individuals to self-isolate for 14 days. The border controls will apply to all access points via roads, rail, sea and air.

The National Cabinet meeting has yet to yield nationwide responses, but the NSW, Victorian and Australian Capital Territory Governments have announced measures to shutdown non-essential services over the next 48 hours in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Gyms are to close nationwide in an effort to stop the spread

SECOND STIMULUS PACKAGE

These measures are in addition to the [apprenticeship and traineeship support payment](#), instant asset write off and investment incentive.

Cashflow assistance for businesses (PAYG)

If you have employees you can access a tax free payment to cover the costs of employee wages and salaries

for businesses with a turnover under \$50 million

100% of the PAYG withholding applied as a credit by the ATO

a minimum of \$10K and a maximum of \$50K

for quarterly BAS - this means your PAYG is credited on lodgement of your next BAS

the additional payment will equal the total received to date - meaning eligible businesses will receive at least \$20K and up to \$100K under both payments

for monthly IAS - this means 300% of the March PAYG amount is credited on lodgement of your next BAS

the minimum payment will be applied to the first lodgement

there will be an additional payment introduced in the July - October period

Financing support

50% of any new unsecured short term loan for business is guaranteed by the government

maximum total loan size of \$250K per borrower

a minimum of \$10K and a maximum of \$100K over 6 months

loans of up to 3 years, with an initial 6 month repayment holiday

government will encourage lenders to provide draw down style facilities (*like overdraft*) where interest is only paid on what you use

commences early April 2020 and be available for new loans until Sep 30 2020

Businesses in hardship

If you are trading insolvent, or get issued with a statutory demand letter by a creditor

an increase to the minimum amount for which creditors can issue a statutory demand

an increase to the time given to you to reply to a statutory demand

an increase to the threshold for a creditor to initiate bankruptcy proceedings, the time to respond, and the period of protection

relief for directors from personal liability when trading insolvent

Banking Assistance

The [Australian Banking Association](#) announced that their members will defer loan repayments for six months for small businesses who need financial assistance.

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia, NAB, ANZ and Suncorp have released their measures to assist small businesses and households facing the financial strain of COVID-19.

ATO Relief - this is not automatic

Assistance in

remitting interest and penalties incurred after Jan 23 2020

payment plans

deferring payments or varying instalments including income tax, activity statements, PAYG, FBT and excise payments by up to 6 months



Narembeen Medical Centre
U5/19 Churchill Street
NAREMBEEN WA 6369
Ph: 90647145



Due to the rapid increase in Australia of the COVID-19 our Surgery has in place some measures to protect you and us.

What we are doing for you:

- We are cleaning all high traffic areas regularly this includes the reception desk, consult room, seating, toys, door handles and buttons.
- We have suitable masks and quarantine area available if needed.
- We have hand sanitiser readily available at the counter.

What we would like you to do for us:

- If you suspect you may have symptoms of the virus please remain in your vehicle or at home and call us so we can provide for you and others at the Surgery. We will ask you some questions to ascertain what steps we need to take.
- Use the hand sanitiser on arrival and as you leave the building.
- We ask that you remain behind the white line when speaking with the receptionist in the Surgery.

What you can do for others:

- Limited seating is available in the waiting area. Please use the 1.5m minimum distance rule when waiting inside. You are welcome to wait on the seating outside and staff will call you as required.

Our Surgery Hours remain the same:

HOURS -	Monday	8.00am – 5.00pm
	Tuesday	8.00am – 5.00pm
	Wednesday	8.00am – 5.00pm
	Thursday	8.00am – 5.00pm
	Friday	8.00am – 12.30pm

Kellie Mortimore - Practice Manager

Narembreen St John Ambulance

March 2020

Our Sub-Centre

Telephone/Fax: 90647771

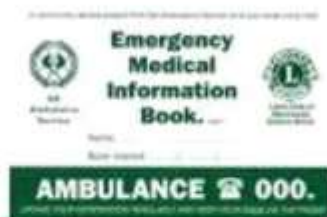
Our Committee

Chairperson:	Ian Mortimore	0428647090
Vice-Chair:	Michael Lethlean	0428647961
Treasurer:	Lorraine Lethlean	90648049
Secretary:	Kellie Mortimore	0427647090
Trainer:	Debbie Hall	0457758882

Committee: Peter Hall, Noela Cole.
Ambulance Volunteers: Debbie Hall, Michael Lethlean, Jake Cole, Ian Mortimore, Noela Cole, Peter Hall, Brit Duncan, Vanessa Wittstock, Kellie Mortimore

Emergency Medical Information Book

Now more than ever it's important to make sure your details and medications are up to date in your handbook and it is in a prominent place for the Volunteers to find if needed.



(COVID-19) Personal Protective Equipment for our Volunteers

Please don't be alarmed if you call and ambulance and are suspected of carrying the coronavirus that the volunteers arrive looking a little different from usual. The equipment they are wearing is to protect themselves and their families from further transmission of the virus.

You can be assured behind all this gear is the same volunteers that you know.



N A R E M B E E N

RECREATION CENTRE



Everything has changed, but we're still looking after our members as best as we can.

With the Federal Government's mandate in the closure of all clubs and pubs, we sadly sold our last beer over the wood at 12pm on Monday.

A little bit of good news, there is no need to bulk buy. We will still be open for takeaways for our members every day this week from 4 to 6pm. From next week, we will be open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays (4 to 6pm) for takeaways. Remember, you must be a member, and your membership will be checked.

In addition, the Recreation Centre will not be available for community meetings.

Members, please spare a thought for Mac Cole, who took out Mug of the Week and now won't be able to use it. Jackpot was missed by Pat Latham.

Please keep safe – and the staff and committee look forward to seeing you on the other side of this Pandemic.

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NAREMBEEN NETBALL CLUB

PO BOX 133
NAREMBEEN WA 6369

PRESIDENT: BRIT DUNCAN	0417 612 045
SECRETARY: KELLY LYON	0427 647 635
TREASURER: BEC GMEINER	0429 618 036

The Narembeen Netball Club wishes to advise our members & supporters that due to the COVID-19 outbreak the season will be postponed until 30th May. I will keep you updated as we get closer as to when trials and training will start.

Coaches: We are seeking expressions of interest for the coaching positions of senior, junior and netta sides. Please register interest with Brit Duncan or Kelly Lyon.

Uniforms & Club Shirts/Singlets: Please contact Jo Duncan for any uniform enquiries

Save the Date: Narembeen Netball Club 50th Reunion 13th June 2020, will keep you posted.

2020 GO NAREMBEEN CROP



We plan to seed this year's 200ha Barley crop on **April 24th**, ideally 3 seeding rigs ,2 booms and 2 spreaders has the job done in a few hours.

If you are able to help out with any equipment please contact Mike Currie 0428 230 276, Bevan Thomas 0429 065 302 or Dylan Cole 0427 647 369.

We look forward to hearing from you.

BREAKING:

GETTING OUTDOORS **NOT CANCELLED**
MUSIC **NOT CANCELLED**
FAMILY **NOT CANCELLED**
READING **NOT CANCELLED**
SINGING **NOT CANCELLED**
LAUGHING **NOT CANCELLED**
HOPE **NOT CANCELLED**

LET'S EMBRACE WHAT WE **HAVE.**

unsinkable

Mt Walker Tennis Club



What a fantastic night finishing up and celebrating the 19/20 tennis season at our Tennis WindUp. It has been a very busy and successful season with good numbers on court for social tennis and championship events along with the massive effort from all members resurfacing our courts, which are now arguably the best in the association. Thank you to our captains and committee for all their efforts throughout the year.

Thank you to Rhiannon and Nora (Social Committee) who arranged our fabulous windup, a long table dinner catered for by the Co-Op. The long tables were decorated with eucalyptus and olive branches and scattered with candles; it was an incredible sight as members mingled and enjoyed the night. The dinner and service from the Co-Op was commendable with delicious standup canapes followed by a sit down, shared plate dinner and dessert. Thanks also to Nora for arranging the kids' tea.



A huge congratulations to Karen Bormolini who well-deservedly was awarded Life Membership of the Mt Walker Sports Club. It was great to see a number of her family present for her to receive this award. The Club certainly wouldn't run without Karen, who ensure every part of the Sports Club is organised and efficient.



Mt Walker Sports Club Life Membership – Karen Bormolini

We held our AGM Monday night, thank you to those who put in apologies due to feeling 'under the weather' and due to social distancing, did not attend. The Men's Captain, Men's Vice

Captain and Ladies' Captain position remain vacant, so a meeting will be held prior to the 20/21 season to fill these positions. An opening date was set for the 20/21 season for Sunday, 11 October – this is obviously dependent on government rulings for social interaction so may change in the future. We are very hopeful though that by October it will be 'business as usual' for tennis.

We hope our members stay safe over the next few months and look forward to seeing you on court and at the Club later in the year.

We are a fantastic tennis club who welcomes new members – see you in October.

COMING EVENTS:

Sunday 11 October

OPENING DAY

Social from 3pm – BBQ & salad to share

Secretary: Felicity Cowan 9061 6024

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are stupid.
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the other 6%



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ATTENTION BOWLERS

All bowling club fixtures have been cancelled this also includes the AGM and Presentation Night.
The AGM and presentation of trophies will be held at a later date.

Stay safe everyone

CHRIS BRAY

Electrics

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email: facets@iinet.net.au

For all electrical installations repairs and maintenance.

14 Longhurst Street Narembeen

ACN 009 023 223 EC 349



NAREMBEEN HOSPITAL LADIES AUXILLARY

Members of the Narembeen Hospital Ladies Auxiliary.

Due to the Government guidelines regarding Covid-19 Coronavirus there will be no more meetings held until further notice.

The executive committee will liaise with Wendy Hooper by email or phone regarding anything she may need for the Hospital.

Kerry Fricker

President

Now for something light-hearted!!

Corona Virus was created by a woman Think about it

- **Football is cancelled**
- **No pubs or clubs**
- **Isolated for 14 Days (So all odd jobs get completed)**
- **Flu Like symptoms (They know how badly man Flu affects us)**
- **Truckloads of shopping**

To rub salt into the wound.. They name it after a beer!

MEMBERS OF THE AUTUMN CLUB AND SENIOR CITIZENS

MEETINGS CANCELLED

CORONAVIRUS

DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES REGARDING THE
CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

THERE WILL BE NO
AUTUMN CLUB OR SENIOR CITIZENS MEETINGS HELD UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE

Carmel Harper 041 992 1319

CANCELLATION OF ADDRESS BY DES PAULEY

Please note that the address by Des Pauley from Dudinin on April 2nd to the Autumn Club has now been cancelled.

Narembreen Weather

Day	Date	Max (°C)	Min (°C)	Rainfall (ml)
Tuesday	17/3	23.4		
Wednesday	18/3	24.2	12.6	1.2
Thursday	19/3	26.5	10.8	
Friday	20/3	20.9	16.1	
Saturday	21/3	31.3	15.2	
Sunday	22/3	30.4	16.6	
Monday	23/3	29.9	15.6	
Tuesday	24/3		15.5	

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

The General Meeting of the Historical Society was held at the Old Library room in the Shire Council Office on Monday 16th March 2020.

We are thankful to the Shire Council for making the Old Library area available to the Historical Society for their meetings and to store the family records and the filing cabinets while the renovations are being made to our History Centre.

The main business matters discussed were as follows:-

- The discovery of further complications to the History Centre building has extended the renovation completion date to April. The windows look very nice but have difficulty closing. The floors have been sanded and have come up looking great. The interior painting has been completed and the lighting has been updated to reflect the period. The outside of the building is still to be completed.
- The search for the new chairs for the renovated building is proving difficult. We are progressing. To combine the old with new is not as easy as it seems but we will do our best.
- Photographs in the Church museum have all had their labels put on them. The Church museum interior layout is looking great now but it is in need of repair. Funding will have to be sourced to make the necessary required repairs for both inside and out
- We have been trying to trace the donors of our Lanz bulldog tractors at Avoca farm but to date we have not any response from the advertisements placed.
- Negotiations are still on going in regards to the additional machinery shed to be located on the Churchill Street block. Several quotes have been obtained but our funds are short and further investigations are to be made.
- The sheds at Avoca farm are going to be re organized thanks to a couple of volunteers. This extra space will allow work to take place on some of the old farm machines that are stored there.
- Terry Treloar has donated a wheel that is an example of what was used while clearing land in the early 50's. The wheel and tyre have a "sleeve" made of another tyre fitted over it. This prevented punctures from happening to the original tyres, thus saving time and money.
- It is planned to have one of the museums opened on the second Monday of each month.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS. COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR FAMILY HISTORY FILES AND YOU MAY BE ABLE TO PUT NAMES TO THE NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS THAT WE HAVE.

Just contact one of our members

The next meeting will may held on **MONDAY 20th APRIL 2.00pm. AT THE SHIRE COUNCIL OFFICE – OLD LIBRARY AREA - - - PENDING THE GOVERNMENTS DECISION IN REGARDS TO GROUP GATHERINGS.**

CHECK THE FENCEPOST FOR UPDATES

Grain Brokers Australia Weekly Market Report

March 24, 2020

Plummeting ethanol grind eroding global corn demand...

Chinese purchases of US grains have been quite scant since the coronavirus epidemic hit the country, despite the Phase 1 trade agreement being signed by both nations back in January. China pledged to buy an additional US\$12.5 billion worth of agricultural goods in 2020 compared to the 2017 level of US\$24 billion.

Many analysts have been expecting China to wait until the second half of the calendar year to ramp up purchases of US grains - when new-crop supplies come online, and prices are traditionally more competitive.

However, there were signs last week that China may be about to 'walk the talk' as the recent price declines bought US export values more in line with offerings from competing origins. Additionally, logistics issues and supply challenges across the globe are interrupting global supply. This has provided China with a valid incentive to engage the US exporter to spread its geographical supply risk.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced last Friday that private exporters had reported sales of 756,000 metric tonnes of corn to China for delivery in the 2019/20 marketing year. This is the biggest corn sale to China since July 2013. Arrival must be before the end of June 2020, which is well before the US new crop slot.

Further private exporter sales across the week included 110,000 metric tonne of soybeans for delivery to 'unknown' destination' in the 2020/21 season. Sales flagged "unknown destination" typically mean China is the purchaser, and that was confirmed by the trade late in the week.

The USDA also reported deals totalling 340,000 metric tonnes of hard red winter wheat to China for delivery in the 2020/21 marketing year. This is the first Chinese purchase of hard red winter wheat from the US since late in 2017, just months before the US-China trade war got serious.

US corn futures plunged last week, despite the significant corn sale to China. The continued slide in crude oil values is a far greater challenge for global corn consumption. As coronavirus continues its global invasion, countries are increasing domestic and worldwide travel restrictions, sapping demand for fuel.

The price of Brent Crude has tumbled from a 2020 high of US\$68.91 per barrel on January 6 and from US\$51.90 per barrel at the beginning of March to close last week at a 17 year low of US\$26.98 per barrel. That represents a loss in value of 61 per cent year-to-date and 48 per cent for the first three weeks of March.

Cheap oil is undermining the viability of the ethanol industry. The US accounts for 56 per cent of global ethanol production and manufacturers are feeling the pain as margins on the corn-based fuel slumped to record lows. The US mandates that ethanol is blended into the nation's fuel pool. However, despite falling prices gasoline demand is being eroded by the national travel restrictions put in place to curb the spread of coronavirus.

Most of the industry is bleeding red ink right now, and there is no end in sight. Many ethanol plants in the US have slashed production over the past week or been forced to cut staff. Some have even closed to cut their losses until margins recover, whenever that may be!

Ethanol production in the US uses around 140 million metric tonne, or roughly 40 per cent of total corn production. There are reports that US ethanol grind may decline by 20 per cent. That equates to an annualised decrease in US corn disappearance of 28 million metric tonne and a significant increase in US ending stocks.

But who really knows how much production will decrease as demand is not being driven by price? The longer the national shutdown goes on, and it will be longer than most in the US care to admit, the bigger the decrease in demand.

And this is just the US equation. The low oil price will have a similar impact on ethanol demand and production in all jurisdictions, particularly those who mandate an ethanol inclusion in fuel or are major exporters of ethanol for fuel use. Non-US corn use for ethanol production is around 60 million metric tonne.

And corn is not the only feedstock. Brazil is the world's second-biggest ethanol manufacturer, at 28 per cent of global production, and sugar is their primary raw material. In other countries, wheat, and even barley, are used, but the quantities involved are minor, relative to the size of the global crops. Ethanol yield from cereals also tends to be inferior to both corn and sugar, making the financial equation even less appealing with the price of oil so low.

All this erosion of corn demand comes as Brazil and Argentina are forecasting near-record corn harvests, despite the continued dry weather. Local agencies have maintained their production estimates, but parts of Argentina have certainly seen a yield reduction and the dry is slowing the planting of the second corn crop in Brazil.

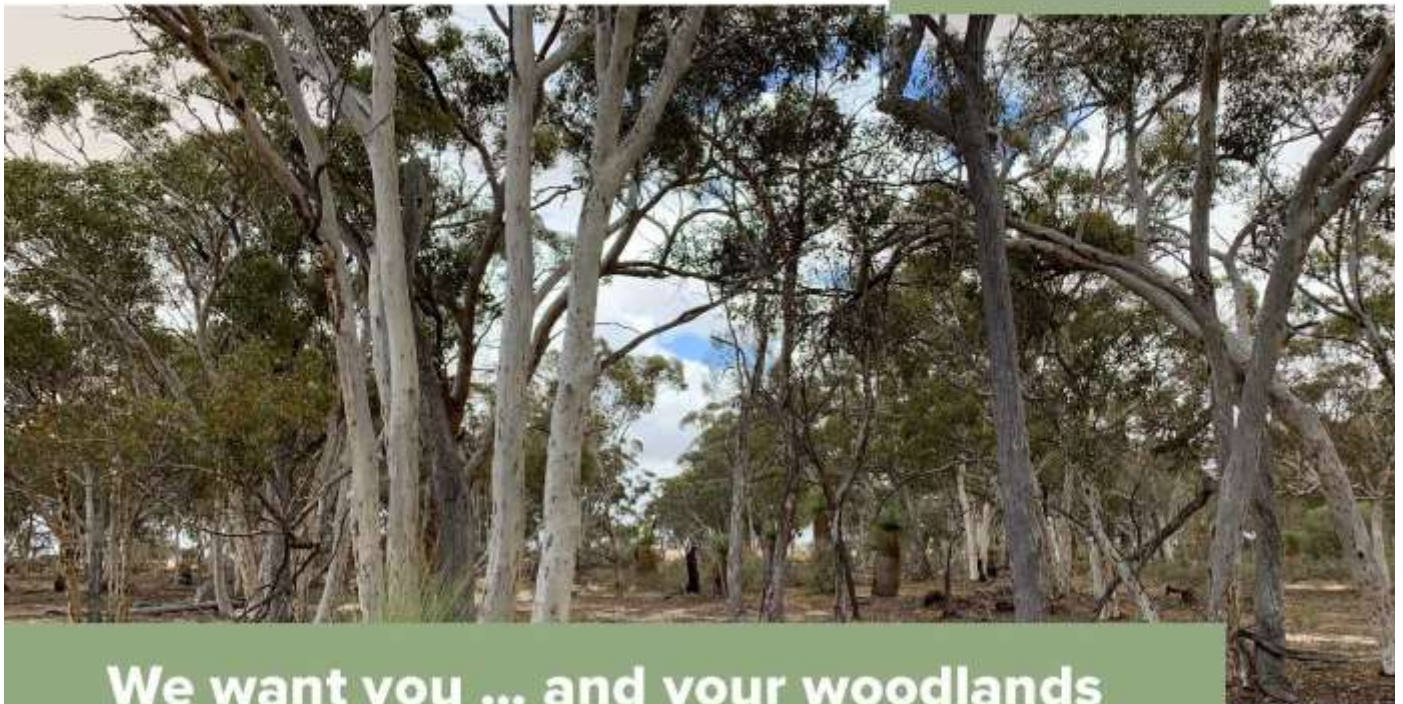
Adding to the global feed grain glut is a potential record wheat crop in 2020/21. The International Grains Council pegged it at 769 million metric tonne, but market analysts are quoting numbers as high as 775 million metric tonne. Production that high means the world is building stocks even before any potential demand destruction by coronavirus.

With the 2020 winter crop planting season almost upon us, and plenty of uncertainty in global markets, now is the time to be looking ahead. The Aussie dollar has done its work for now, and there is good incentive to sweep the old crop cupboards bare. And if the soil moisture profile has been topped up by good summer rains, a modicum of production confidence may make new crop cover attractive at current values.

Call your local Grain Brokers Australia representative on 1300 946 544 to discuss your grain marketing needs.



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* The Eucalypt Woodland will need to meet a range of specific criteria

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If you have any questions, or would like to discuss your project, please contact Anika Dent at adent@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or 9670 3104

www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/funding



**National
Landcare
Program**



This project is supported by Wheatbelt NRM through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program

BIRTHDAYS



March

25th	Neville Beagley Jayden Hooper	Benjamin Andrews	Luke Schwartz
26th	John Hunter Jaya Piper (Richards)	Deanne Ventriss Amanda Hall	Jim Thorn Rachel Padfield
28th	Talbot Cowan Michelle Slade	Jamie Butler	Melanie Butler
29th	Austin Wasley	Joe Della Vedova	
30th	Shuan Slade Laine Wilkins	Camille Metcalf	Cally Moses
31st	Jonathon Rogers	Louise Scholler	Mackenzey Aird



Anniversaries

March

30th	Steven & Wendy Cooper
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Cleaning Rosters

Catholic Church	R Hickey
Anglican Church	No cleaner required

CHURCH NOTICES



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST **105 Church Road, Mt. Walker**

Contacts: Leading Elder, Yonnie – 9063 5014,
Pr Lomani – 0429 770 331.

Please be advised due to the COVID 19 Virus and for the health and well being of our community and its members The East Narembeen Seventh Day Adventist Church are **suspending** all Saturday morning church services effective from Saturday 21st March 2020 **till the end of April .**

The Church has a local TV Chanel 306 and radio station 3ABN serves our community with Sabbath School and sermons as well as other interesting shows, wellness, cooking etc.

Church of Christ

Wednesday 7.30pm

Bible study at W&L Milner's place

No Sunday Worship service

Bible Verse:

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN

No Services until further notice.

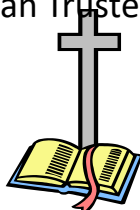
A directive from Perth Diocesan Trustees.

Ezekiel Ch 37 V 1-14

Romans Ch 8 V 6-11

John Ch 11 V 1-45

Psalm 130



ROMAN CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

No Services until further notice





from the CHIEF



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COVID - 19

As the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic continues to develop across the country, the Councillors and staff of the Shire of Narembeen would like to extend our best wishes to everyone facing difficult situations as this crisis escalates. We understand that the measures being put in place have severely restricted our way of life and our ability to conduct our business but at this time it is the health and wellbeing of our community that must be at the forefront of our minds.

During the COVID-19 outbreak we urge everyone to avoid unnecessary social gatherings and where possible stay within their own property to limit the risk to themselves and others. Let's take this opportunity to show the strength of the Narembeen community and work together to protect those most vulnerable. When shopping please remember your neighbours, friends, the elderly and those in frontline medical professionals and try to employ a bit of empathy so we can all get through this difficult period with some comfort and dignity.

The Shire has put in place a number of measures to help further protect the community, these are summarised below and more actions may be taken as the situation progresses over the coming weeks:

- The Narembeen Gym has closed its doors until further notice. This is in line with Federal Government restrictions.
- The Narembeen CRC and Library has also closed its doors to the public. The team at the Narembeen CRC will continue to work diligently behind the scenes and will remain available to assist the community via phone or email, so if you are feeling isolated during this difficult period don't hesitate to give them a call even if it's just for a quick chat. They are also investigating the implementation of a drop off or collection service for the library. At this stage all events, workshops and activities have been cancelled.
- The Department of Human Service (Centrelink, Medicare etc.) facilities at the CRC will remain available on a call ahead basis so the team can open the external entrance door for you.
- Restrictions have been placed on bookings being taken for the Narembeen Caravan Park to reduce the number of travellers and tourists. Cabins are still available for essential contractor services but we encourage the community to ask their family and friends who may have been planning to come and visit during Easter etc. to reconsider and stay at home.
- The Shire's cleaning team are increasing their work patterns around the public toilets areas to reduce cross contamination risks.

from the CHIEF

- The Narembeen Aquatic Centre has closed for the season and the Narembeen Triathlon has been cancelled.
- At this stage the Shire will be proceeding with a limited morning wreath laying and minute silence for Anzac Day
- The Shire office remains open for transport and licencing enquiries, however we are encouraging people to conduct as many transactions online as possible or just call the office for advice as opposed to visiting in person.

In general, if you are displaying any flu like symptoms especially coughing or sneezing then please act wisely and stay at home. All of the measures being put in place are for our safety and the wellbeing of all.

If you're struggling with anxiety or are worrying about COVID - 19 please visit <https://headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support> which outlines some practical psychological skills to help you and your loved ones cope with anxiety and worry about this infectious disease. We are all in this together as a community so please if you need help, reach out to someone. Our staff here and at the CRC are able to have a chat or help you at any time.

The Shire has set up a webpage <https://www.narembeen.wa.gov.au/live/health-community-care/covid-19-coronavirus.aspx> where you can find useful information on COVID-19 and links to sources of trusted information and advice.

Please take care to protect yourselves and others, wash your hands and keep a safe distance.

ROLLER DRIVER/ALLROUNDER AND GRADER OPERATOR

Applications are invited for two positions with the Shire of Narembeen - Roller Driver/All-Rounder and Grader Operator.

Conditions of employment are in accordance with the Shire of Narembeen Works Staff EBA with benefits including Industry allowance, overtime opportunities, clothing allowance and training opportunities. A 3 bedroom dwelling may be offered at subsidised rental to the preferred applicant.

Position descriptions for these positions may be obtained by telephoning 9064 7308. Applications addressed to the undersigned close **12 noon Friday 27th March 2020**. Details of your employment history and referees must be included in your application.

For more information please contact Arthur Cousins, Works Manager on 0429 647 330.

Pascoe Durtanovich, Acting CEO, Shire of Narembeen

1 Longhurst Street, Narembeen WA 6369

www.narembeen.wa.gov.au

GRANT OPPORTUNITY | FRRR - STRENGTHENING RURAL COMMUNITIES

The Strengthening Rural Communities program is designed to give the thousands of small rural, regional and remote communities across Australia an opportunity to apply for funding. This funding can support broad community needs making it an extremely valuable grant opportunity. Due to the flexibility and applications being accepted all year round, this has allowed communities to have increased access to funds that can be used when your community needs it most.

Visit the link below to view more information about the grant.

https://sportscommunity.com.au/grants/grants-open-grants/frrr-small-grants-for-rural-communities/?inf_contact_key=df44b567692fd93a63d1cec3549874d5680f8914173f9191b1c0223e68310bb1



from the CHIEF

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2020/21

The Shire of Narembeen Community Grants Program for 2020/21 is **OPEN!** The program is a great source of funding for local sports clubs or community groups to acquire much needed funds for a project, event or even a piece of equipment!

The Narembeen Historical Society, Narembeen St John and Narembeen Bowls were all successful in receiving funding through the 2019/20 Community Grants Program to assist with the provision equipment.

The objective of the Community Grants Program is to provide funds to community based organisations whose project objectives include:

- Supporting seniors
- Providing opportunity for lifelong learning
- Improving/increasing safety within the community
- Supporting local culture
- Encouraging conservation and natural resource awareness
- *Incorporating elements of the Shire of Narembeen's Strategic Community Plan Goals

(*To view the Shire of Narembeen's Strategic Plan go to:-

<https://www.narembeen.wa.gov.au/documents/corporate-plans-and-strategies>

or alternatively request a hard copy from the Shire office.

Eligibility criteria for applicants is as follows:-

- Organisations must be an incorporated not-for-profit organisation
- Organisations must possess current Public Liability Insurance

Funding **will** be provided to assist with non-recurrent project costs including marketing and advertising, training, equipment purchases and facility hire.

Funding **will not** be provided for recurrent expenditure such as wages, insurances, debt reduction, loan repayments, travel or activities that are ordinarily the responsibility of the Shire of Narembeen.

Applications are to be received by the Shire of Narembeen on or before the **Thursday 30 April 2020** for Council's consideration in the 2020/21 budget.

Applications must be submitted using the application form which is available from the Shire office or may be downloaded from the Shire of Narembeen website:

<https://www.narembeen.wa.gov.au/news/community-grant-program/77>

Enquiries may be directed to **Sheree Thomas** on **9064 7308**.

from the CHIEF

UPDATE ON SHIRE PROJECTS

NAREMBEEN LESSER HALL INTERPRETATION PROJECT

This project is now complete. Stephen Carrick Architects performed their final inspection of the site at the beginning of December and were satisfied that all works had been completed as per the Interpretation Plan.

The Interpretation provides a way to engage people in the stories and cultural heritage significance of the Civic Precinct as well as Narembeen as a whole.

The project tells the stories of the site, ensures that the social, historic, aesthetic and scientific values of the site remain embedded and continue to resonate into the future.

The Shire of Narembeen commissioned local artist Jordan Sprigg to create a hero statement piece which recreates a scene from the past - a horse waiting for a farmer to leave the Lesser Hall.

Professional photos were taken by Strange Image Photography in December 2020 and these will be used to promote the area through the Shire's website and other tourism products.

We hope that you enjoy the area!

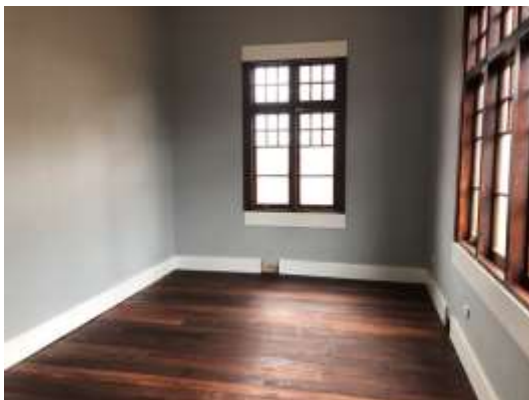


NAREMBEEN ROAD BOARD BUILDING

The Narembeen Road Board building has undergone extensive renovation work since June 2019. We are pleased to advise that internal renovation works should be complete within the next week, following this the external works will be finalised. It is anticipated that the Narembeen Historical Society will be able to relocate back into the building by the end of April.

As with all older buildings, the challenge remains to ensure the long term support and viability of buildings for the benefit of future conservation and enjoyment by present and future generations.

It will be exciting to see the building once again transformed into a museum. This has certainly been a challenging project for the Shire, bringing this building back to life hasn't been easy, but we are sure that the community and visitors will be happy with the final product!



from the CHIEF

UPDATE ON SHIRE PROJECTS

NAREMBEEN AIRPORT

In 2019, the Shire of Narembreen were successful in receiving funding to significantly improve the RFDS transfer facilities at the Narembreen Airstrip. Works also include reseal works to the aircraft turn around areas, taxiways and the RFDS aircraft parking area.

The Shire have been working very hard on this project over the past few months and the difference in the RFDS transfer facility is amazing. Please see photos below.

The upgrade of the RFDS transfer facility will now meet standards for patient transfer, the automatic door enables ambulances to easily enter the building and the awning over the front of the building will improve weather coverage, these works will improve the amenity of the facility to benefit both volunteers and professionals who use the building.

As part of improving access, safety and to prolong the life of the airstrip, the reseal works will enhance the airstrip for RFDS and other users.

It is anticipated that this project will be finalized at the end of May 2020.



EMU HILL PUBLIC CEMETERY

The contractor completed the niche wall area including the seated reflection area and raised garden bed in mid-December. The area looks really lovely and is a much more personal area for families to visit their loved ones.

Stage two of the project will continue which includes signage, additional paving and garden area, landscaping and sealing of roadways. It is hoped that these works will be completed by 30 June 2020.



from the CHIEF

UPDATE ON SHIRE PROJECTS

NAREMBEEN CARAVAN PARK

Works are currently being undertaken to improve access throughout the caravan park by clearing and resealing roadways. The Caravan Park is an important amenity for the town, once finalized the works will ensure better and easier access for users of the Caravan Park.



PUBLIC NOTICE | BURNING PERMITS ARE STILL REQUIRED

As of **1st March 2020** you are able to burn header windrows, chaff dumps and stubble. Please note that a fire permit is still required up until **15th April 2020**. From the start of the restricted burning time to the 15th April, no person is allowed to light a fire on a Sunday or Public Holiday.

Pascoe Durtanovich

Acting Chief Executive Officer



Narembeen Community Resource Centre

From the Manager

Unfortunately due to the current situation of COVID-19 we have had to cancel most of our organised events and workshops. Some events/workshop however, have been postponed. All will be reviewed on May, 31 2020.

The Community Gym will be closed until further notice, this is in the best interest of our community and we apologise for any inconveniences caused.

One of our events however is still standing!! YAY! The 2020 #ShowCase in Pixels banner competition is still happening as it can be done at home, making it the perfect distraction from the current situation. There is a great prize to be won, so don't miss out and get your creative hats on! You will need to fill out a simple application form which you can request to be sent to your email or you can download it from the Shire of Narembeen Website as well as the guidelines. Take the opportunity to still be apart of a CRC event and get the whole family together to create something magical!! We look forward to seeing what our wonderful community produces.

We all need to support each other in times like this, the uncertainty of what's to come is very stressful and it affects us all in different ways. The least we can do for one another is be there to talk to, run some necessary errands if needs be, check in with family and friends, and most importantly, listen to the advice given by the Government and not what you see or hear from people on social media. This

will come to an end, so until then we all need to stick together and look after each other. In this edition there is a form for volunteers as well as people requiring assistance to fill out. The "Neighbourhood Project" will help anyone that is vulnerable and isolated in our community, people that literally can not leave their house to get some food because of the high risk or to simply collect needed mail from the Post Office. Please, if you can be a volunteer to help these people in our community, fill in a form today and return to the CRC.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Narembeen Community Resource Centre will be closed to the public until further notice. However we are still contactable via phone (9064 7055) or email (crcreception@narembeen.wa.gov.au) to continue to provide our community with most of our core services. Please visit our Facebook page or the website (www.narembeen.wa.gov.au) for more information.

For all our library lovers out there we will be implementing a 'call and collect service' for library books, we still wish to provide our community with this service as safely as we can. If you call or email with your genre preference we will try our best to pick out books, movies or audio books for you.

Vanessa Wittstock
CRC Coordinator

T 9064 7055 | F 9064 7084

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Narembeen Community Resource Centre



Narembeen CRC



Neighbourhood Project

We are looking for volunteers to help seniors and vulnerable people who are socially isolated in our local community. Whether it is helping someone with their grocery shopping, walking their dog or helping with other errands – any little assistance you can offer will go a long way for someone in need.

Please fill out the short form below to register as a volunteer and we will put you in direct contact with residents who are requesting assistance.

While volunteering your time, please remember that COVID-19 is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are only spreading kindness. Avoid physical contact (1.5m distance) and wash your hands regularly.

Contact details for Volunteers	
Your Name	
Your Address	
Email	
Phone	
Tasks you can assist with (tick all that apply)	
Phone check in	Pick up or drop off groceries
Dog walking	Donating supplies
Any other support	

We understand that there are people living independently who may not have family or friends nearby to help them during this challenging time.

Please fill out the short form below to register for assistance and we will be in contact shortly.

Contact details for Assistance	
Your Name	
Your Address	
Email	
Phone	
Tasks you need assistance with (tick all that apply)	
Phone check in	Pick up groceries
Dog walking	Urgent supplies
Posting/ Collecting Mail	
Any other support needed	

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IN PIXELS

COMPETITION

Get creative and have the chance for your artwork to be displayed at the iconic digital tower at the heart of Yagan Square Perth.

This year's Theme is:

**LEADING
THE WAY**

The winning design will represent the Shire of Narembeen in the 2020 #ShoWcAse in PIXELS Competition.

The winner will receive a \$250 Arts & Crafts supplies voucher.

All submissions will need to be received by the Narembeen CRC before **Friday, 8th May 2020**



For more information and guidelines of the competition visit:

www.narembeen.wa.gov.au

Email: crcreception@narembeen.wa.gov.au

Phone: 9064 7055



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Department of Health



Protect yourself and others



WASH HANDS

often with soap
and water, or
hand sanitiser



COVER COUGHS

and sneezes
with a tissue or use
your inner elbow



STAY HOME

from work or school
if you are sick



CLEAN SURFACES

and objects such as
doorknobs, keyboards
and phones regularly

**Where are
we going Pooh?**



**Home Piglet. We're
going home, because that's
the best thing to do right now.** CHSY.



COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION



NAREMBEEN MEDICAL CENTRE - PHONE 9064 7145

Dr Lines practices at the Medical Centre

Hours Mon – Thurs 8.00am – 12.30pm 1.30pm – 5.00pm Friday 8.00am – 1.30pm

PLEASE BRING CURRENT PRESCRIPTIONS, MEDICARE, PENSION AND HEALTH CARE CARDS

RURAL WOMEN'S GP SERVICE – Phone 90647145 for appointments. Dr Olga Ward visits approximately 6 weekly

NURSE PRACTITIONER – Laura Black visits fortnightly

HOSPITAL – PHONE 90646222 HEALTH DIRECT 1800 022 222

Accident, emergency and acute medical.

Outpatient dressing/blood pressure checks etc–Preferred times 10.30am -11.30am or 3.30pm – 4.30pm

X-Ray service available – please phone for bookings. Only emergency X-Rays will be attended out of hours

Other services include antenatal and postnatal care, palliative care, respite service, high and low level residential care. Home and Community Care (HACC), Patient Assisted Travel Service (PATS), Videoconference facilities available for consults with some Specialists. Occupation and Speech Therapy, Dietician and Aged Care Assessment (ACAT) available by referral.

WHEATBELT ALCOHOL AND DRUG SERVICE

Phone 90413807 or 90412928

This service provides support for individuals, couples and families affected by alcohol and drugs

WHEATBELT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

Call 1800 353 122 (24 hours) Free and Confidential

Men's Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 000 599. Victim Support Service 1800 350 074

NAREMBEEN DENTAL – JOHN COBLEY

Phone 90647397 Emergencies 0419 987 397 Appointments Thursday

CHILD, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES – PHONE 90647388 or 90646222

Child Health Clinic every Tuesday at the Hospital 9am – 3.00pm

Alternatively, contact Primary health in Merredin 90410444 or Ngala 1800 111546

CENTRAL AGCARE FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICE Counsellor Anne Hague 0427 133 711

PODIATRIST – PHONE 90646222 Please call the hospital (office hours) for appointments

ST JOHN AMBULANCE – PHONE 000 Do not call the hospital for an ambulance in an emergency.

Skills 7.30pm every 2nd & 4th Monday of month

SPEECH THERAPY – PHONE PRUE 0408 934 284

At Narembreen Medical Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday

CENTRAL WHEATBELT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – PHONE COURTNEY 0488 333 492

At Narembreen Medical Centre

COMING EVENTS

March 2020

Wednesday	25th	Numbats: Phone Bookings from 8.00am 0422 322 289	8.30am - 5.30pm 2.00pm
Thursday	26th	Men's Shed Numbats: Phone bookings from 8.00am 0422 322 289 Autumn Club	9.00am 8.30am - 5.30pm 10.00am-2.00pm
Friday	27th	Playgroup at Numbats Centre	9.30am
Saturday	28th	Men's Community Shed	9.00am
Sunday	29th		
Monday	30th		9.30am
		Arts and Crafts and Book Exchange at Community Shed	10.00am-4.00pm
Tuesday	31st	Senior Citizens Numbats: Phone Bookings from 8.00am 0422 322 289 Badminton at Town Hall	2.00pm 8.30am - 5.30pm 7.30pm

April 2020

Wednesday	1st	Numbats: Phone Bookings from 8.00am 0422 322 289	8.30am - 5.30pm
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