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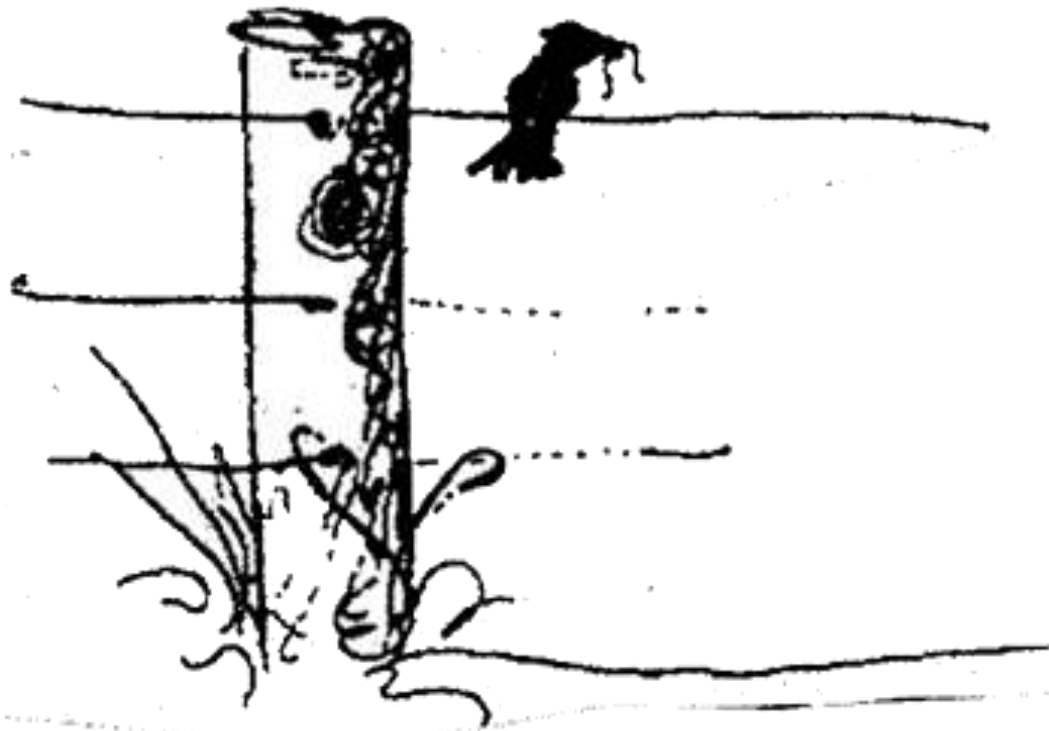
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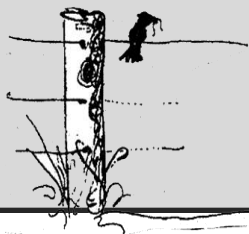
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The views expressed in articles in this newspaper are not necessarily the views of the Editor or other volunteers who produce this newspaper.

The Editor has the right to withhold, edit or abbreviate any items.



Over the Fence....

NEW BABY

Congratulations to Kyle and Maddie Della Vedova on the arrival of Maggie Maree on 29th March 2020. A little (2.4kg) sister for Jack to help care for.

Fencepost

Don't forget that there will be NO FENCEPOST on 15th April due to the Easter celebrations.

RESTRICTED TRAVEL

*Western Australians will not be permitted to leave their regional boundary. Police have the power to enforce these restrictions and fines of up to \$50,000 can be issued. Exemptions will apply for employment, medical reasons, health and emergency services, people living in 'border communities', who may not have access to groceries or supplies within their region, freight or compassionate grounds. **We strongly recommend an employment letter if you have staff crossing regions (ABN, contact details, purpose etc)***



Congratulations Robert Miolini

Life Member of the Narembeen Tennis Club

2019/2020



Towards the end of the 2019/2020 tennis season there was a call to nominate Robert "Roundy" Miolini for life membership of the Narembeen Tennis Club. Safe to say it was the quickest decision ever made by the committee. So, the task began of gathering all those achievements and contributions (and there were a lot!) Roundy has made to the club over his lifetime so far.

Roundy began with the Narembeen Tennis Club at the young age of 14 although he had a racket in his hand by the age of 6. He began his committee duties with that of President back in the late 90's and held that position for 7 seasons between the years of 1996 and 2008. He took on Vice-captain along with others for a few years before becoming Men's Captain in the season of 89/90 a role he would have for 7 more seasons over the next couple of decades. Within this time Roundy has been involved with multiple Pennant wins alongside many great players to come through the club.

He holds many mixed doubles and men's doubles championships, again with many great players of the clubs. If Roundy asked you to be his partner you felt quite lucky but also a tad scared with that fear of 'letting him down' because if you're playing with Roundy there's no excuse not to make a final! This good banter along with "Pick your partner" (even though he had asked you) or "Trophy hunter" can be found throughout the club whether it's talking about Roundy or it's coming from Roundy himself, nothing's taken too seriously!

Committee positions and captain's roles weren't the only jobs Roundy put his hand up for, multiple busy bees, bar duties, running social days, BBQ duties, doing the draws, having a hit with the younger generation to help their skills whenever they asked, there is

no job too big or too small for him. It's easy to tell that Roundy loves the Tennis Club even when injury has prevented him from playing in more recent times you would still find him down there with a smile on his face (and a few cheeky comments) helping in any way possible.

Of course, when you hear the words Narembeen Tennis Club and Roundy in the same sentence you naturally think of all the Men's Singles Titles he has accumulated over his time! His first win came in the summer of 1988 when he was just 21 years old and they did not stop here. His tally sits at 23 titles spanning over 3 decades with the last taking place in the season of 2017/2018 against Scotty Stirrat in another great match between two incredible players. Watching Roundy's on court skills can leave you in awe wondering just how he manages to make shots as if pulling them out of nowhere. 23 titles is an astounding record and one that will be extremely difficult to beat, or to even come close to.

It could be safe to say that Roundy's commitment to the Narembeen Tennis Club is far from over and the Club is lucky and honoured to have a member of his generosity, passion and dedication and who knows, he may still have a couple of Singles Championships left in him.

Roundy, it is truly an honour to award you life membership and the Narembeen Tennis Club could not thank you enough for everything you do, well done on a thoroughly well-deserved achievement.



CORONAVIRIS UPDATE

NAREMBEEN - TOGETHER WE GROW- EVEN IN THESE TRYING TIMES WE ARE KEEPING ON GOING.

Just to keep everybody posted on what is happening in the town business wise, the businesses around the have advised the Fencepost of their services available during the COVID 19 pandemic.

IGA - there is a notice on page 7 in this regard

Hardware and Ag supplies - Business as usual as they are considered Essential services

Elders - Business as usual - opening hours 8am to 5pm

Landmark - Business as Usual - opening hours 8am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday 8am to 12.noon on Saturday

Post Office - Business as Usual

Bankwest - Not open on Friday this week 3rd April - Business as usual next week given no staff issues

A/H Hairdressing - Only Thursday and Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm

Hotel - Take away only - Meals and Alcohol - Open 11am to 9.00pm

Chris Bray Electrical - Will be available at any time - he would hate the old people to be left in the dark.

Deb Schoen Podiatry - NO APPOINTMENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE – you may call 0405390063 to discuss any issues

Pharmacy - Business as usual - Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm pharmacist in attendance until 1.00pm

Medical Centre - there is a notice on page 8 In this regard

Ag Implements - there is a notice on page 6

CO-OP Coffee Shop - CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Roadhouse - Take away food only - Open 6.00am to 6.00pm (Kitchen closed 5.30pm)

CRC - See the notice on page 9

Recreation Centre - Take away only Monday Wednesday Friday 4pm to 6pm

School - Some children are being supervised this week at school others are at home. As per the government directive, those children at home, must stay at home under parent supervision.

Remember to keep your distance from the staff when conducting your business in their premises and practice Social distancing at all times.

Jest Joking

A teddy bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen.

The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says "Oh, I forgot to tell you, today's the day the teddy bears have their pick nicked."

Murphy says to Paddy, "What ya talkin into an envelope for?" "I'm sending a voicemail ya thick sod!"



AGIMPLEMENTS

ATTENTION

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT AG IMPLEMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS AN ESSENTIAL SUPPORT PROVIDER TO LOCAL FARMERS. OUR DOORS REMAIN OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL, HOWEVER IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY AT A LATER DATE, WE ARE PREPARED TO OPERATE FROM BEHIND CLOSED DOORS VIA PHONE AND EMAIL ORDERS EXCLUSIVELY. ARRANGING FOR PARTS TO BE LEFT OUT FOR CUSTOMER COLLECTION OR SENT DIRECT VIA FREIGHT OR AUSPOST.

WE ASK THAT ANY CUSTOMERS ATTENDING OUR PREMISES EXERCISE DUE DILIGENCE AND RESPECT THE HEALTH OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE RECENTLY BEEN OVERSEAS OR ARE FEELING UNWELL, WE WOULD PREFER THAT YOU DEAL WITH US VIA PHONE OR EMAIL CONTACT.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE SERVICE TO ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC EXHIBITING VIRUS SYMPTOMS

Phone: 90647214

Parts mobile: 0427375612

Service mobile: 0409408957

OPENING HOURS

MON-FRIDAY 6AM – 5PM

SATURDAY 7AM – 12AM

PARTS AND SERVICE STAFF WILL BE ON CALL DURING SEEDING/HARVEST AS USUAL



To our dear customers

What uncertain times we now live in until who knows when then it will all be a bad dream. What comes out of this nightmare are people who care for each other and look out for their neighbours. At Narembreen IGA, you are all our friends and neighbours, so we are doing all we can to make your lives a little easier and less stressful.

We get milk deliveries, a little smaller, On Monday's Wednesday's and Thursday's.

We get 3 deliveries of fruit and vegetables, mostly back to standard orders, on Monday's Wednesday's and Friday's.

Bread is delivered fresh each morning though a little less than what we would normally get.

Meat deliveries are Wednesday and Friday mornings also pretty much our orders are being fulfilled.

Now, groceries, especially the essentials; flour, pasta, rice and toilet paper and sanitizer. We put our order in on Friday's and it seems at the moment it is "hope for the best".

We are and have always offered a home delivery service to anybody that would like it. Our email address is; iganbn@bigpond.com and our fax number is; 0890 647 134.

Your order will be put together and delivered to you.

At this stage our hours are not changing, we need to be of service to you all.

We are doing our very best to keep our store clean and safe for those of you that still need to venture out.

Thank you for your patience at this very trying time. Please do not hesitate to contact the store, 0890 647 223, or the email and fax details previously stated.

Les, Jan, Graham, Tash and our girls wish you health and happiness.

2020 GO NAREMBREEN 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.



Narembreen Medical Centre
U5/19 Churchill Street
NAREMBREEN WA 6369
Ph: 90647145



We understand that many people are worried about the current COVID-19 but this **DOES NOT** mean calling the Surgery and being rude to the receptionist is okay. The Staff do the best they can to help all patients and we appreciate you doing the right thing during these times.

TELEPHONE CONSULTATIONS

Our Surgery is now offering Telephone Consultations for the following appointments:

- Repeat Prescriptions
- Blood Test Results
- Referral to a Specialist as long as discussed previously
- Xray/Ultrasound/CT/MRI results

When making an appointment let the Receptionist know and the Doctor will call you at the allocated appointment time.

Please do not expect that the Doctor can diagnose other medical problems over the telephone. We ask that you make an appointment to attend the Surgery for these complaints.

OVER 65 FLU NEEDLES

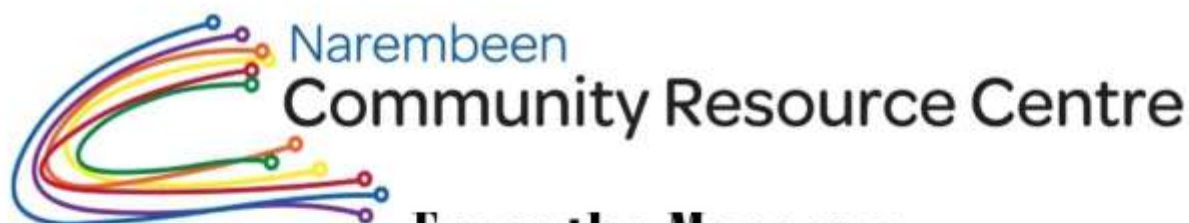
If you are 65 or over the Government Funded Flu needles have arrived. Call the Surgery to book your appointment.

PLEASE NOTE: All other Government Funded needles are NOT available at this stage. We will advertise when this changes.

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



From the Manager

There have been numerous changes to the Shire and CRC over the last few days, as there is everywhere. I have changed offices and am back behind the front counter at the Shire for now. My beautiful staff is still working behind closed doors, so if there is anything we can help with at all, please call **9064 7055** or email crcreception@narembeen.wa.gov.au and we will do our best to continue to provide our core services as much as possible.

Please take advantage of the services we still offer such as library deliveries, free isolation activity packs, and don't forget to get involved in the Neighbourhood Project. These are all in place to make everyone feel as comfortable as possible in this situation. As all of our social media has been taken over by COVID-19 updates, we thought now would be the perfect time to bring back "Throwback Thursday's" to hopefully put a smile on your faces! Also Keep an eye out for some challenging riddles for you to stew on, which will be on our Facebook and Instagram pages. If you have any Throwback photos, please send them in or drop them off and we will post them for you.

I cannot stress enough to those in our community that aren't able to get certain necessities themselves, to fill out a "Neighbourhood Project" form. The neighbourhood project was created so that we are able to support those who need it most in our community, and there is nothing wrong with asking for help. Please if you need someone to walk your dog, go to the post office, get some groceries from the shop or anything that is a necessity to you, PLEASE fill in a form and let us help you. We all have to stick together and help each

other where we can and follow the requirements of the Government to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Also - Please call us if you feel like chatting to someone and don't know who to call - we LOVE to chat!! We are also in a difficult position with having all of our amazing events and workshops cancelled, as a community we now need to make sure we are all ok. It doesn't take much to make a phone call to a loved one, a friend, a community member, whoever it may be; times like this can be difficult, for some more than others.

If you have paid for the Triathlon and would like your money back, please let us know and we will send you the refund form or if you are able to download it from the Shire of Narembeen Website and send it to us.

The CRC, Library and Community Gym will remain closed until further notice. Please keep up to date with our Facebook page or Website for any updates and information.

Have you seen our web page regarding COVID-19 on the Shire of Narembeen website? We work hard to ensure this page is updated on a daily basis to provide our community with accurate information, helplines as well as ideas for the kids at home and much more, check it out - <https://www.narembeen.wa.gov.au/live/health-community-care/covid-19-coronavirus.aspx>

Please practise good hygiene and social distancing – help stop the spread.

*Vanessa Wittstock
CRC Coordinator*

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crcreception@narembeen.wa.gov.au

www.narembeen.wa.gov.au



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	



2020
#shoWcAse
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.

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

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



For more information and guidelines of the competition visit:
www.narembeen.wa.gov.au
Email: crcreception@narembeen.wa.gov.au
Phone: 9064 7055

 Narembeen Community Resource Centre
 Shire of Narembeen
 WALGA



Government of Western Australia
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

healthywa.wa.gov.au/protectyourself



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**



How to wash your hands

With soap and water

Steps 1–4 below should take 40–60 seconds.

1

Wet hands,
then apply soap



2

Lather for at least 20 seconds.
Pay attention to the backs of
hands and fingers, fingernails
and the webbing between fingers



3

Rinse hands under
running water



4

Dry hands with
a clean towel, or
fresh paper towel



With hand sanitiser

1

Apply enough
product to
cover
both hands



2

Rub all surfaces of both hands



3

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Mick Toovey

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The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin. 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it. I thought to myself, they've lost the plot!!

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were \$70!!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

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WBN - COVID19 REGIONAL BUSINESS INFORMATION

The Wheatbelt Business Network is a not-for-profit MEMBER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. We are here to help Wheatbelt businesses of all sizes navigate through information and adapt to changing times and we are available to do this one-on-one. We live and breathe business in the region.

To support the wider business community we have summarised information already available in the public domain. WBN members to date have received more detailed information and support.

STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR BUSINESS - FEDERAL

<https://www.business.gov.au/risk-management/emergency-management/coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business>

Find financial assistance, eligibility and timing for the new government support for Australian businesses

STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR BUSINESS - STATE

<https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/blog/coronavirus-stimulus-package-small-business>

ONLINE BUSINESS RESOURCES

Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA - COVID19 dedicated website - [covid19.cciwa.com](https://www.cciwa.com.au/covid19)

- a COVID-19 Guide for Employers including answers to employee leave;
- an outline of the new COVID-19 subsidies for business;
- screening questionnaires for staff and external parties;
- a work-from-home OHS checklist; and
- an updated sample staff communication.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

<https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/coronavirus>

- FREE online webinars - cash flow forecasting, managing employees
- Information for employers
- Health fact sheets

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES

We recommend that you follow public authority advice in regard to health and hygiene measures as well as social distancing rules.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/coronavirus-covid-19>

RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE - WA

<https://rftcswa.com.au/>

If you are a farmer, forester, professional fisher or you run a small business supporting these industries, you may be eligible for support from the WA team. PH 1800 612 004



REGIONAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY WA - IMPACT SURVEY

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCCINACovid19Impact>

The WBN in conjunction with the Rural Chambers of Commerce and Industry have been in contact with elected members and officials from all three tiers of Government. They are seeking real data and information on the true impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on businesses in Regional WA. We encourage businesses to fill in the survey so that all tiers of Government can identify and provide the assistance where it is most needed.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

beyondblue and Ahead for Business have free online resources to help with emotional support. You can also seek help by phone: beyondblue 1300 224 636 / Lifeline 13 11 14

BECOME A WBN MEMBER

Business Hotline

WBN members can contact the WBN team at any time during business hours for clear, well-informed business support and information. Our priority is our members and helping them to adapt and continue well beyond the pandemic.

Employee Relations Advice

WBN small business members can access the employee relations phone service with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA to answer questions on managing staff during the pandemic.

Business Tools

During this time, WBN members will receive business planning tools and resources specifically designed for rural small business

Online Presence

WBN members receive a prominent listing in our online Wheatbelt Business Directory helping them be found.





from the CHIEF



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W: www.narembeen.wa.gov.au E: admin@narembeen.wa.gov.au

COVID-19 - IMPACT ON THE NAREMBEEN COMMUNITY

In addition to Federal and State Government initiatives to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on business and employment, Council is considering measures it can take to assist the Narembeen community.

Council staff are working with the Wheatbelt Business Network to ascertain the impact of COVID-19 to date. When this information is received, Council will assess what action can be taken.

For further information please contact Sheree Thomas, Community & Economic Development Officer - 9064 7308.

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.

The Shire of Narembeen Offices are closed to the public. This is a difficult decision to make but the Shire is determined to act in the best interests of protecting the wellbeing of our employees and the community.

Shire employees will no longer undertake face to face interactions with the community, however during office hours 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Friday we will continue to respond to enquiries and perform as many of our standard functions as possible via phone (9064 7308) or email admin@narembeen.wa.gov.au, this is the same for the CRC office.

For Department of Transport Services - Transactions can be completed online with a DoTDirect account. If you need further assistance, please call the Department of Transport on 13 11 56. In extreme cases the Shire may still be able to assist in this area but this will be by advanced booking only. Practical Driver Assessments have been cancelled until further notice.

from the CHIEF

COVID - 19

In the coming weeks it is likely the Government restrictions in response to COVID-19 will continue to escalate and we encourage the entire community to please take care to protect yourselves and others. In recent days the National Cabinet agreed to further the limit most indoor and outdoor **non-essential** gatherings to 2 people. It was also decided that people over the age of 70, those over the age of 60 who have existing health concerns and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 50 who have existing health concerns, to **stay home**.

The CRC has partnered with the Narembeen Police and created a "Neighbourhood Project" this is so people that aren't able to leave their house for the sake of their health, can still get the essentials they need. If you need help please fill in the form and return it to the CRC. These forms can be found on the Shire of Narembeen Website, you can request one to be left in the basket at the front of the CRC building by calling the office or the staff at the CRC are able to email it to you by request.

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 Caravan Park has been closed to travellers until further notice. We understand accommodation may be essential for Contractors and workers therefore booking in advance is essential through the Shire Office.
- 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.
- The Public toilets at the Narembeen Recreation Centre and the Dentist have been closed until further notice, the nearest open public toilet facility is located adjacent to Apex Park and the tourist information bay. Our cleaning team is working diligently to keep this facility clean at all times so that it can be available to the public.

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.

from the CHIEF

PUBLIC NOTICE - SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Shire Narembeen will conduct a Special Meeting of Council for the following purposes:

That Council discuss and make resolution on the following items:-

Agenda item 6.1 - 2019/2020 Black Spot Project

Agenda item 6.2 - Shire Staff Additional Leave - COVID-19

Agenda item 6.3 - Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Program

Agenda item 6.4 - Review of Delegations

Agenda item 6.5 - COVID-10 Rates Interest and Legal Proceeding Suspension

This meeting will be held in Council Chambers **Wednesday 1st April 2020**, commencing at 1.30pm.

Cr Rhonda Cole

Shire President

Mr Pascoe Durtanovich

Acting Chief Executive Officer

NEW RESTRICTED BURNING TIMES IN PLACE FOR APRIL

From Wednesday, the Restricted Burning Time for Local Governments in the southern half of Western Australia - from the Midwest Gascoyne through to the Great Southern - will be extended to Thursday 30 April 2020.

The Bush Fire (Restricted Burning Times) Amendment Notice 2020 is due to be gazetted on Tuesday 31 March outlining that all 129 Local Governments in the southern half of the State will have their Restricted Burning Time extended to Thursday 30 April 2020.

The extended restriction period applies to the Shire of Narembeen. Department of Fire & Emergency Services advise that the reason for extending the restricted period is due to the impact of the Coronavirus. By maintaining the control on the lighting of fires, it reduces the risk of wildfires and hence the exposure of volunteer firefighters.

from the CHIEF



COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM 2020/21

The Shire of Narembreen 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 Narembreen Historical Society, Narembreen St John and Narembreen 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 Narembreen's Strategic Community Plan Goals

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

<https://www.narembreen.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 Narembreen.

Applications are to be received by the Shire of Narembreen 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 Narembreen website: <https://www.narembreen.wa.gov.au/news/community-grant-program/77>

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

Grain Brokers Australia Weekly Market Report

March 31, 2020

Barley sales to China tightens domestic supply ...

China's appetite for Australian feed barley appears to have been stoked in recent weeks with as many as six cargoes booked by the Middle Kingdom for nearby delivery.

The sales are reported to have been concluded at around US\$220 cost and freight (C&F). This is in line with Chinese feed barley values of around US\$210 C&F, taking into account the 3 per cent tariff benefit Australia enjoys over alternative origins and maybe a small quality premium.

The anti-dumping action may not have been resolved as yet, but barley sales have been made to China and cargoes unloaded since harvest. The pace of those sales is certainly well behind normal, but it seems Chinese importers, particularly those with government equity, are less nervous about making Australian purchases.

With the Australian grower around 90 per cent sold on barley, and the consumer only partially covered until new crop becomes available in October, it seems the merchants here are long. They are also growing in confidence concerning business with China and have been happy to take out the demand when it surfaced.

The other big barley news last week was the results of the most recent Saudi Arabian tender. The state-owned buyer, SAGO, booked 1.2 million metric tonnes of feed barley, against an initial tender of 720,000 metric tonne. The reason for the additional volume is unclear but increasing state reserves as global supplies and supply chains show signs of tightening, would seem a logical reason.

SAGO was seeking 480,000 metric tonne for delivery to Red Sea ports and 240,000 for delivery to Arabian Gulf ports with a vessel arrival spread from first half May to second-half June. In the end, they booked 840,000 metric tonne into the former and 360,000 metric tonne into the later ports.

The average price of US\$201.04 was US\$23.43 less than the previous tender. The average Red Sea port price was US\$197.32 compared to US\$222.42 in January, and the average Arabian Gulf price was US\$209.71 compared to US\$230.08 a few months ago.

If we call freight out of South Australia to Saudi Arabian ports US\$20, then delivery to Dammam on the Arabian Gulf equates to around US\$190 free on board (FOB) Western Australia, well under current replacement values. On the other hand, with freight to China as low as US\$12, it pegs recent sales at around US\$208 FOB Western Australia, which is supportive of current domestic values.

The tender was broken up into two halves, May and June, each with a first-half and second-half delivery window. The most likely origin for the majority of the tender will be Black Sea ports. The possible exception being the first-half and second-half May windows where a few Argentinian cargoes may make their way to Arabian Gulf docks.

Deliveries against the May demand must be old crop, but deliveries against the June demand can be new crop, with penalties applied for late delivery. A discount of one per cent of the price for each week the delivery is delayed is applied to the contract, with a maximum of six weeks delay allowed.

The May prices are in line with current Black Sea and Argentinian replacement values. However, with the inverse in the market, several exporters certainly took advantage of the ability to use new crop against the June sales. Some of the tender offers accepted for first-half June were discounted by around US\$5 and second-half June by a further US\$5, compared to the May offers.

Russia announced last week that it might limit exports of grain to 7 million metric tonne for the balance of the marketing year to avoid food shortages. The fall in the value of the Russian ruble against the United States dollar has put massive pressure on domestic supply, increasing local food prices considerably.

This action will impact wheat, barley, rye and corn. Offers disappeared when the possibility was revealed, but export values for wheat were nominally US\$10-15 higher and barley US\$5 higher by weeks end. If this sort of price action continues then the market will do the work of a potential export ban. Unlike Australia, the Russian grower is holding the long and the market just has rally enough to pry it from their very tight grip ahead of the next harvest.

European export values have rallied considerably over the last week. This is on the back of a rise in MATIF wheat futures values and tightening supplies. The French supply chain is also under enormous pressure due to a considerable export program and a spike in prompt domestic demand resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Coronavirus may have spiked demand for wheat-based foods, but malting barley-based foods have been taking a caning. Worldwide beer demand has dropped as pubs and clubs across the globe are forced to shut their doors, and bottled beer sales are being hampered by a shortage of bottles.

The weaker Australia dollar has spurred export sales of wheat and barley into Asia. This appears to have caught some domestic market consumers napping as domestic prices increased at the same time, discouraging purchases. The wheat balance sheet is already tight based on the pace of exports and the shipping stem. Barley may not be as tight, but another rush of export sales will soon change that situation.

It is highly unlikely that the Australian government will contemplate Russian like restrictions of exports as a coronavirus food security measure. Rather, they will leave it to the market to allocate the limited grain resources to those consumers, domestic or export, who desire it most.

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



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

BIRTHDAYS



April

1st	Peter Cowan Lynette McCellan	Graeme Andrews	Naree Cowan
2nd	David Rutherford	Tenille Cole (Barrett)	Martin Macanas
3rd	Helen Wanless Robert Bailey	Pat Berry Gemma Brayshaw	Keith Brayshaw Hannah Roddan
4th	Faye French Leigh McGill	Glenis Maringoni	Daniel Broomhall
5th	Danika Gysen Belinda Fidge	Samantha Russell	Carla Hall
6th	Nancy Thomas Tayliya Cole	Yvette Eyles	Barry Cole
7th	Louise Ball	Ebony Miller (Cowan)	Jackie Gray
8th	Robert (Toby) Fricker Sarah Heather	Cassidy Steddy	Liam Atkins

Anniversaries

April



5th	Eric & Stephanie Welsh
7th	Ron & Carolyn(Bow) Binning



Narembeen Weather

Day	Date	Max (°C)	Min (°C)	Rainfall (ml)
Tuesday	24/3/2020	30.8		
Wednesday	25/3/2020	32.1	15.8	
Thursday	26/3/2020	36.2	18.7	
Friday	27/3/2020	35.2	20.8	1.0
Saturday	28/3/2020	25.4	18.4	
Sunday	29/3/2020	23.9	11.1	
Monday	30/3/2020	26.2	8.6	
Tuesday	31/3/2020		11.5	

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 Narembreen Seventh Day Adventist Church are **suspending** all Saturday morning church services effective from Saturday 21st March 2020 until further notice.

THIS Quarters lesson study will be titled "How to Interpret Scripture" for the months of April, May & June

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

No Bible study or Sunday worship services until further notice

See Narembreen Church of Christ Facebook site for information re Sunday Worship services on-line at home or ring Gary Sprigg 0428645035 for more info

Bible Verse: Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN

No Services until further notice.

PALM SUNDAY

ISAIAH Chapter 50 Verses 4-9

Philippians Chapter 2 Verses 5-11

Matthew Chapter 26 Verse 14 through to
Chapter 27 Verse 66

Psalms 31



ROMAN CATHOLIC

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Narembeen/Bruce Rock Clinic Dates 2020

Location A: Narembeen pop-up shop, 19 Churchill Street

Location B: Bruce Rock Pony Club on Dunstal Street

March 18	June 10	September 30
April 15	July 8	October 28
May 13	August 5	November 25
	September 2	

Please call 90411734 to make an appointment

COMING EVENTS

NOT MUCH

April 2020

Wednesday	1st	Numbats: Phone Bookings from 8.00am 0422 322 289	8.30am - 5.30pm
Thursday	2nd	Numbats: Phone Bookings from 8.00am 0422 322 289	8.30am - 5.30pm
Friday	3rd		
Saturday	4th	NO CHURCH	
Sunday	5th	NO CHURCH	
Monday	6th		
Tuesday	7th	Numbats: Phone Bookings from 8.00am 0422 322 289	8.30am - 5.30pm
Wednesday	8th	Numbats: Phone Bookings from 8.00am 0422 322 289	8.30am - 5.30pm

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