

13th May 2005

Items of Interest

1. Central Zone Golf Day

The Shire of Corrigin has advised that the Central Zone Golf Day will be held in Corrigin on Friday, 9th September 2005. Further information will be provided closer to the date, but for those interested in attending it would be good to note the date.

2. 2005 Local Government Elections

The Local Government elections were held on Saturday, 7th May 2005. At the close of voting 143 votes were received. This represented about 23.5% of eligible voters. Those declared elected were Darrell Wiese, Geoff Ballard and Andrew Borthwick. These councillors will be

sworn in at the May Ordinary Meeting.

3. ATO Audit

The Council will be subject to an Australian Taxation Office GST Audit on Monday 16th May, 2005.

Officers from the ATO will be reviewing transactions over the period of September 2004 and generally looking at Council's procedures for handling GST and submission of BAS statements.

4. Roads to Recovery Funding

The anticipated continuation of the Commonwealth Government's Roads to Recovery funding was announced in the Federal Budget. A total of \$180 million will come to WA over the next four years. The

allocation to the Shire of Narrogin over this period will be \$711,232. This is down from \$749,546 that was received in the four years up to 2004/05.

This new allocation will mean in 2005/06 Council can access a quarter of its allocation, being \$177,808.

5. Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan

The Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Hon Michelle Roberts MLA, will be coming to Narrogin on Friday, 24th June 2005 to present to Council the initial funding allocation for the preparation of the Shire's Plan.

The Plan will be prepared in conjunction with the Town of Narrogin as it is anticipated that the two Councils will work together on this project.

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Special points of interest:

? Wheatbelt South Regional Road Group Meeting 16th May at 1.30 pm.

? May Ordinary Meeting, 19th May at 9.30 am.

Works Unit News

5. Current Roadworks

Bitumen seal works have been completed over the new culverts between the Ag College entrance and Wanerie Road. Also the seal widening on Congelin Narrogin Road has been completed.

The concrete base has been poured on the Cannell Road culvert following a long delay due to wet weather.

7. Mulching Head

The new mulching head has been trialed on Condon Road over the last two weeks. This

has involved just the operator without any traffic control. It has also been valuable for the operator, Ian Hart, to become familiar with the machine and its capabilities. The hydraulics need to be fine tuned and this will happen next week.