

27th August 2004

Items of Interest

1. Fire Weather Course

The local FESA Office will be conducting a Fire Weather Course on Monday 13th September 2004. The Course content includes topics on synoptic patterns and air masses, winds, fire climate and seasonal variability, satellite and radar interpretation, etc. If you're interested in attending, a response will be needed by the 6th September.

2. Town of Narrogin — Budget Summary

The Town of Narrogin has made mention of the Shire's contribution to services and facilities in its 2004/2005 Budget in Summary. The flyer has been sent out to all Town Ratepayers with their rate notices. The \$30,000 con-

tribution to the Leisure Centre is mentioned as well as the total annual contribution of \$93,000. It is very pleasing to see recognition given in this way.

3. Central Country Zone Golf Day

A reminder for Councillors that the Central Country Zone Golf Day will be held at the Williams Golf Club on Friday 10th September 2004. Nominations are required by next Friday, 3rd September. If any Councillors wish to attend, can they please advise the Office before Friday next week.

4. Occupational Safety and Health Audit

The Shire has participated in an Occupational Health and Safety Audit conducted by the

Council's Insurer. The Audit has identified areas requiring improvement, mainly with the categories of Policy, Planning and Emergency Preparedness and Response. Detailed recommendations have been provided to assist Council to improve in these areas. As a result of the Audit, Council has received a "*Diligence in Safety - Bronze Certificate*". Continued improvement will allow for movement to the Silver or Gold Certificate Level.

5. Regional Road Group

The next Regional Road Group Meeting will be held on Monday, 13th September 2004. This will be preceded by a Sub-Group Meeting in Williams on Thursday, 2nd September at 2.00 pm.

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Special points of interest:

- Narrogin Sub Regional Road Group, 2nd Sept at 2.00 pm.
- Central Country Zone Golf Day, 10th Sept
- Wheatbelt South Regional Road Group, 13th Sept at 2.00 pm.
- Council Meeting 16th Sept at 9.30 am.

Works Unit News

6. Storm Damage

The severe weather this week has resulted in the majority of the Works Unit resources responding to the clean up work. For almost three full days the staff have been removing fallen trees and debris from

roads following the very strong winds.

7. Shoulder Grading

The shoulder grading program has been completed. In a few weeks we will take the opportunity to spray the verges and table drains of all the sealed

roads to reduce weed growth for next season.

8. Technical Officer and Grader Operator

Advertisements will soon appear for the two vacant positions in the Narrogin Works Unit.