

4th February 2005

## Items of Interest

### 1. Regional Road Group Funding

The Regional Road Group Technical Committee met earlier this week to review the effect of the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure's decision to remove \$741,627 from the Wheatbelt South's anticipated allocation of additional funding.

The effect of this will be a reduction in funding for the Narrogin Shire of \$34,489.

The Council will be given the opportunity to once again revise its programme to accommodate this reduction.

### 2. Narrogin South Bush Fire Brigade

The Narrogin South Bush Fire Brigade will be having a meet-

ing of residents in its area on Tuesday 15th February. The meeting is being coordinated by Dexter Rick in conjunction with the CEO. Its primary purpose is one of education and emphasising obligations on landholders to be fire conscious and prepared. It has been prompted by the fire near Mokine Road that occurred on the 3rd December last year. It will be held at the FESA Headquarters and all property owners have been invited.

### 3. Fire Briefing

A number of issues have arisen from the fires that occurred last December that need to be discussed. During that month Shire Brigades were involved in the Dumbleyung Fire as well as local fires at

Mokine Road and at Tim Cowcher's property. It is proposed to have a briefing meeting on Tuesday 22nd February and involve Fire Control Officers, the Weather Committee, FESA Staff and interested property owners. Its purpose will be to discuss the method of imposing bans, improved strategies for coordinating resources at fires and addressing the need for additional mobile standpipes.

### 4. Williams Community Resource Centre

The Shire President and CEO have been invited to the opening of the new Williams Community Resource Centre on Monday 21st February. The Narrogin Shire has an interest in this building as it will be the new home for Michael Barr, our Landcare Officer.

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Special points of interest:

? Narrogin South Bush Fire Brigade 15th Feb at 7.30pm.

? Council Meeting, 17th Feb at 9.30am.

? Fire Briefing at FESA Headquarters 22nd Feb at 7.30pm

## Works Unit News

### 5. Current Roadworks

The project to complete the seal widening of Nomans Lake Siding Road from the rail crossing to Yilliminning Road should be completed next with the seal going down. This project has been partially

funded from Regional Road Group Funds.

### 6. Clayton Road Culvert

The seal over the Clayton Road Culvert is expected to be completed by next week. As Council would know, there was a delay in completing this

project due to the onset of winter.

### 7. Clearing Permits

The first of the new clearing permits is being applied for from the EPA for Cooramining Road culvert works. This new system came in from