



President's Message

Welcome to the new look Northam Shire Council. We welcome the returning councillors Steve Pollard and Terry Little and also the new Councillors, Carl Della, Atilla Mencshelyi and Michael Ryan (Michael is also the new Deputy President). Thanks to the years of dedicated service by previous Councillors, Dennis Beresford, Des Hughes and Ulo Rumjanstev. When you get a chance, say hello to your local Councillor. Head to the Shire of Northam website for some background details on each of the Councillors, including me. Visit www.northam.wa.gov.au

With the Prohibited Burning Period commencing the 1st of December, I urge all residents to be Bushfire Aware. Plan ahead in the case of a Bushfire; do you defend or leave. Be thankful for all of the Bushfire and other emergency volunteers during the Bushfire Season. For more information on Bushfires, look at either the Shire's or the Department of Fire and Emergency's website.

With the Christmas Season upon us, remember to Shop Local. Keep the local retail and service providers at front of mind when doing your Christmas Shopping. Support the Northam Chamber of Commerce and Northam Women in Business combined Be Local – Buy Local Campaign.

Christmas on Fitzgeralds will again be held this year – on the 8th December. Keep looking at the Shire of Northam Website for more details. Remember, Be Local – Buy Local. As part of the Festive Season, take pride in your Town and Shire. Remember to return shopping trolleys to their return areas. Thanks to the tireless volunteers who pick up rubbish and keep the town tidy.

The Shire of Northam is continuing with its Community Meetings. The next one is being held in Wundowie on the 29th November. This is a great chance to be able to mingle with both the Shire staff and also the Councillors.

As Councillors, we aim to remain accessible. As part of this, follow me on Instagram. I'll be posting photos and selfies at Shire Events. Look for [shire_of_northam_president](#) and use [#snaptheprez](#).

Take care over the next few weeks during the festive season events. I'll see you at any of a number of Shire or Northam events over the next month.

Shire President - Chris Antonio

Grass Valley Community Plan

The Shire and the Grass Valley Progress Association are calling for the thoughts & ideas from the residents of Grass Valley to guide community planning and Shire budget allocations over the next 10 years. The closing date for surveys has been extended to Friday 8th of December.

Parking on a Verge

The Shire of Northam would like to remind residents that parking a vehicle within close proximity to a corner is a traffic hazard, as it will block the view of incoming traffic.

Please be mindful when parking around school zones to pay attention to parking signs as these have been strategically placed from the results of a hazard assessment.

Penalties do apply for parking in no parking zones.

We can all help keep our families safe by sharing this information.

Hazard Perception Test

Bookings are essential for the Hazard Perception Tests due to limited number of computers. To ensure minimum waiting times, please contact the administration office on 9622 6100 to make a booking.

Prohibited Burning Period

The Shire of Northam wishes to advise that as of the 1st of December the Shire will enter the Prohibited Burning Period. No Burning will be permitted by residents after the 30th of November 2017.

An extension to the Restricted Period has been granted to "Fire Brigades Only" until the 14th December 2017 to allow them to complete fuel reduction burns within the Shire.

For more information see the Shire of Northam Website.

Northam Central Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

The Shire of Northam is calling for expressions of interest for the new Northam Central Volunteer Bushfire Brigade.

Please email your details to records@northam.wa.gov.au

eWatch Newsletter Revitalisation

Together with the Northam and Wundowie Police, the Shire of Northam has been working to revitalise the eWatch Newsletter.

A monthly Community Safety eNewsletter will be distributed by both Police Stations. To subscribe head to: www.ewatch.com.au and follow the prompts.

What's on in December

Friday 1	Synergy Christmas Trail
Saturday 2	Northam Community Markets
Tuesday 5	Grow - Mental Wellness Program
Friday 8	Volunteering WA Markets
Saturday 9	Christmas of Fitzgerald
Friday 15	Bakers Hill Christmas Fair
Saturday 16	Mad About Musicals
Sunday 31	Christmas Carols
	Mad About Musicals
	New Years Eve Concert

Visit www.northam.wa.gov.au for more information.

Holiday Safety Advice

In the excitement to leave for a holiday it is easy to forget things, take a few minutes to ensure you have secured your home for while you are away.

Lock all doors and windows, including pet, garage and shed doors.

Give your neighbour your contact details. Lock away all tools and items that can be used to gain entry to your home. Organise for your mail and paper to be collected or held.

Disconnect your electronic roller door. Place all valuables and important documents in a safe.

Turn down the ring volume on your home phone. Set automatic timing devices for lights, TVs and radio.

Do not broadcast on social media that you are not home. While everyone loves a great holiday pic, hold off posting until you return home.

**THE SHIRE OF NORTHAM
WISHES EVERYONE
A VERY MERRY AND SAFE
CHRISTMAS**

Christmas Office Closure

The Shire of Northam Offices will close for the Christmas Break at 4:30pm on Friday the 22nd of December and will re-open at 8:30am on Tuesday the 2nd of January 2018.

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