



November 2017

President's Message

Bushfires are unpredictable and happen every year. To survive a bushfire you must be prepared to make your own decisions. Take the time to answer these three questions; when will you know to leave; where will you go; which way will you go? This is a great first step to protecting your family. Head to the DFES website for more information on the 5 Minute Fire Chat and preparing against bushfires.

Firebreaks and reduced fuel loads are due as of 1 November, to ensure the safety of your property and avoid penalties see the Shire of Northam website and Fire & Burning Information Booklet.

Shopping trolleys which are left unattended or abandoned in various locations throughout the Shire of Northam not only look disorderly, they can also pose a hazard to the public as an obstruction on the footpath or roadway. Please be aware that on the spot fines of \$125.00 can be issued so please ensure that all trolleys are returned to the relevant store.

There are currently eight swans on the Avon River and one in South Perth. We have missed the last two breeding seasons due to work on the enclosure and the bridge. In order to cause the least amount of disruption this season, the swans will be moved to the enclosure after they have had their clutches. The Shire of Northam have received complaints regarding kids throwing rocks at the birdlife on the river and would like to urge everyone to keep a watchful eye and report anything suspicious to the Rangers on 9622 7267.

The Shire's 'Pop Up Shop' concept came to fruition in December 2015. Council has subleased the former Roediger Bros Butcher Shop to a number of businesses who have demonstrated an interest in establishing business within Northam. During 2016/17 the shop has displayed the Avon Valley Arts Society (AVAS), to register your interest in the shop please email records@northam.wa.gov.au.

I would like to remind residents to report works requests to the Shire, this may include a general maintenance matter. Council is currently investigating and implementing an online function through the Shire website where residents will be able to submit and monitor their requests. As a result, we will be discontinuing the current method of sending a final completion letter/email and will encourage people to use this method for submitting their requests. As per the current process residents will continue to receive a standard acknowledgement confirming that your request has been received and provide you with your unique 'ICS' reference number.

Shire President
Steven Pollard

Cat and Dog Registrations

Shire residents are reminded that all dog and cat registration are due as of the 31st October 2017, if they are not lifetime or still current for the following years.

Northam Central Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

The Shire of Northam is calling for expressions of interest for the Northam Central Volunteer Bushfire Brigade. Please email your details to records@northam.wa.gov.au

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. To commence the process a survey will be delivered to your postbox soon.

Asbestos Awareness Month

The Shire of Northam will be participating in the 2017 'Go Slow! Asbestos - it's a NO go' campaign as part of Asbestos Awareness Month. If you are thinking about renovating, you must be aware of asbestos. It is important for home owners and renovators to be aware of how to safely manage asbestos in and around the home. Importantly, if you suspect you have asbestos in your home, Don't cut it! Don't drill it! Don't drop it! Don't sand it! Don't saw it! Don't scrape it! Don't scrub it! Don't dismantle it! Don't tip it! Don't waterblast it! Don't demolish it! And whatever you do... Don't dump it!

For more information head to:
www.asbestosawareness.com.au

Night Hoops

Night Hoops is a free late night basketball tournament with skills training, workshops and a meal for anyone aged 12-18 and living in the Avon Valley area.

Players and Volunteers can register at:
www.nighthoops.org

Event Participants Wanted

We are actively seeking stallholders for any local businesses/ groups wishing to be involved in Christmas on Fitzgerald on December 8th.

Stalls are free or charge. Stallholders will be supplied with a marquee. For information on how you can be involved in one of our upcoming events, please call our Tourism & Events team on 9622 2100, search for Visit Northam on Facebook, or email events@northam.wa.gov.au

Microchipping of Dogs and Cats

Under the current provisions of the Dog Act 1976 all dogs must be microchipped once they are three months, unless the owner obtains a vet certificate which exempts the dog from being microchipped on medical grounds. All dogs, irrespective of age, must be microchipped prior to being sold or transferred to a new owner.

Cats are not required to be microchipped until they are six months old, however, they must also be microchipped prior to being sold or transferred to a new owner.

For more information, visit: <https://www.dlgs.wa.gov.au/AdviceSupport/Pages/Cats-and-dogs.aspx>

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.

Free Mammograms for Northam Women

BreastScreen WA is in Northam until the 14th of November. To make your free screening mammogram appointment - book online www.breastscreen.health.wa.gov.au or call 13 20 50.

What's on in October

Friday 3	Seniors Week Gala Concert
Saturday 4	Northam Community Markets Bridgeley Community Centre Open Day Night Hoops Hudsons Circus
Wednesday 8-12	Northam Farmer Markets
Saturday 11	Night Hoops
Saturday 18	Night Hoops
Saturday 25	Northam Farmer Markets

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

At the Library

NORTHAM LIBRARY	
Every Monday 10.30-11am	Activity Time for 0-5 yrs
Every Wed 10:30-11am	Story Time with Craft 2-5 yrs
Every Friday 9:30-10am	Baby Rhyme Time 0-2 yrs
Wed 8 November 6-7pm	Solar Panels for Your Home Workshop
IT CLASSES	
NORTHAM	WUNDOWIE
Thurs 2 November 6pm	Tues 7 November 6pm
Thurs 9 November 6pm	Tues 14 November 6pm
Thurs 16 November 6pm	Tues 21 November 6pm
Thurs 23 November 6pm	Tues 28 November 6pm
Thurs 30 November 6pm	

All activities are open to all residents of the Shire of Northam free of charge. Registrations are essential for the Solar Power Workshop via Facebook or by contacting the Northam Library. Bookings are essential for the IT classes at either the front desk or by calling the Northam Library on 9621 1600 or the Wundowie Library on 9573 6205.



Details: Take a trip down memory lane with local band Bearrock. Light lunch and refreshments provided

When: Friday, 3rd November 2017 (11am-1pm)

Where: Northam Town Hall

Bookings: Bookings essential. Please call or email Northam Visitor Centre to book a table or individual seats

Cost: FREE

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