



## September 2018

### FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Spring in the Shire of Northam. This is a great time to enjoy the warmer weather and discover many of our attractions. Traditionally, this time of year is known as "Djilba", the transitional season, where we experience warmer days, cold nights and the emergence of wildflowers.

During September, there are more than the normal number of events and activities within the Shire. Some of the activities include the Northam Farmer's Show, the community markets, walking trails around the Avon River, Arts and Culture shows, running events and final's sporting events hosted in Northam by many of the Sporting Clubs. You can head to the Shire of Northam website to see what is occurring.

We do live in a great part of the world. Some of the projects the Shire of Northam is focusing on over the next few months, following the adoption of our annual budget, include: Providing additional resources towards Parks and Gardens, starting up Community Cinemas, renovating the Wundowie BBQ area and family space and undertaking more rural roads vegetation management.

The Shire of Northam has recently adopted a fresh branding marketing strategy. Known as "Ready, Set, Go", and is about promoting the communities within the Shire of Northam. I encourage all parts of the community to embrace and become involved with this campaign. The focus is on Ready (for business), Set (enjoy and live in our community) and Go (Ready for adventure and Tourism).

### Major Projects Update

The Bilya Koort Boodja opened to the Community and the Public last month. If you haven't had a chance to visit this fantastic facility, make time. All Shire of Northam Residents will be receiving a free family entry pass into Bilya Koort Boodja.

There are a number of private developments throughout the Shire of Northam, ranging from the very West of the Shire, within the Town of Northam and then through to the East of the Shire. These developments not only provide activity, but also employment opportunities. Keep an eye out for these during their development. These types of developments include lifestyle villages, hospitality centres and roadhouses to name a few.

Enjoy the return to longer and warmer days, and remind yourself that within the Shire of Northam, we live and work in an incredible place.

Take Care, Shire President Chris Antonio

### DRUMMUSTER

The next DrumMuster in the Shire of Northam is scheduled for Friday, 14 September 2018 at the Old Quarry Road Landfill Site in Northam. DrumMuster is aimed at recycling clean and dry drums from growers, farmers and chemical users throughout Australia. Eligible containers are those with the DrumMuster logo, which have been triple rinsed or cleaned with high pressure and left to dry with lids removed. The collected containers are crushed or shredded and transformed into practical items such as plastic cable covers, wheelie bins, bollards and irrigation pipes. More information is available from the DrumMuster website at [www.drummuster.org.au](http://www.drummuster.org.au) To participate in the Northam DrumMuster please contact Susan Burley at the Shire of Northam on 9622 6100 to arrange a drop off time and advise of the number of drums you will be delivering.

### KAYAKING ON THE AVON

Kayaks will be available to hire from Northam, during a trial period on the following dates; 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> August; 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> August; 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September; 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September; 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> September; 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October; 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October; 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November; and 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November.

3 hire options will be offered during the trial, each on double kayaks, including both guided and self-guided tours of the Avon River. Prices for hire and tours will range from \$60 to \$150.

For more information, please contact the Northam Visitor Centre on 9622 2100 or [tourist@northam.wa.gov.au](mailto:tourist@northam.wa.gov.au), or contact Kieran directly at [www.facebook.com/outbushadventures](http://www.facebook.com/outbushadventures).

### QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS

Grants of up to \$500 are intended to assist the delivery of urgent projects or to assist in the delivery of programs/events for which short term opportunity/need has arisen.

Applications will be assessed against the assessment criteria and within six weeks of receipt of application. For application forms and more information head to the Shire's website.

### WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

#### Saturday 1-9

Northam Art Prize

#### Saturday 1

Lions Community Markets  
Memphis Rockers El Caballo Resort  
The Link Theatre presents Family Circles

#### Tuesday 4-5

Youth Mental Health First Aid Course

#### Friday 7-8

Northam Agricultural Show

#### Friday 7

Battle of Australia Wreath Laying

#### Saturday 8

Northam Farmers Market

#### Wednesday 12

Council Forum - Grass Valley Hall

#### Tuesday 18

Career Directions Expo

#### Wednesday 19

Council Meeting - Grass Valley Hall

#### Friday 21

British Invasion

#### Saturday 22

Northam Farmers Markets

#### Monday 24

Kids Big Day Out

#### Saturday 29

RSL Club Busy Bee @ Mokine  
Womens Auxiliary Morning Tea  
Eat Spey Love SafeAvon Fundraiser

Visit [www.northam.wa.gov.au/events-calendar](http://www.northam.wa.gov.au/events-calendar) for more information.

### AT THE LIBRARY

#### Mondays 10:30am-11:00am

Activity Time for 0-5yrs

#### Wednesdays 10:30am-11:00am

Story Time with Craft 2-5yrs

#### Fridays 9:30am-10:00am

Baby Rhyme Time 0-2yrs

All activities are open to all residents of the Shire of Northam free of charge.

### GET CONNECTED

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