

Presidents Message

On behalf of both the Shire of Northam Councillors and Staff, I extend my best wishes for the Festive Season. I hope that every one of you has both an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year.

As we get closer to the end of 2019, take the opportunity to look back and reflect on your achievements, successes, and even little wins over the past 12 months. Congratulate yourself, your family and friends, and get ready for the New Year.

During this Christmas and New Year season, I hope all Shire of Northam Residents, Ratepayers and Visitors take care and stay safe. Enjoy yourselves, and make sure that you plan in advance. If you are planning to attend just one or maybe many events, make sure you have an appointed "Designated Driver". I want to see everyone being safe over the Festive Season and into the New Year.

In the period leading up to Christmas, remember to Shop Local. Keep the local retail and service providers at front of mind when doing your Christmas and New Years' Shopping. There are many ways you can do this. For helpful hints, head to the Northam Chamber of Commerce to see how you can support local businesses. Christmas on Fitzgerald's on the 13th December is one of the ways you can not only enjoy yourself, but also support local businesses.

With us now well into the prohibited fire season, I urge all residents to remain Bushfire Aware and plan ahead. In the case of a Bushfire, know if you are going to 'defend or leave'. For more information on Bushfires, look at either the Shire's or the Department of Fire and Emergency's website.

With the International Volunteer Day 2019 being held on December 5th, take the time to thank a Volunteer, including the Bushfire and other emergency volunteers during the Summer Season.

As we head toward the end of the crop season, I trust that our farming community has harvested as much grain as possible, in recognition of all this year's hard work, especially with the amount of rainfall received. I hope, that you, along with of the Shire of Northam residents, take the time to enjoy a well-earned break. The Shire of Northam Councillors will be attending any number of events in the lead up to Christ-

mas and into the New Year. If you don't know one, or any of the Councillors, please feel free to introduce yourself. For some background on the each of the Councillors, head to the Shire of Northam Website, www.northam.wa.gov.au Under the "Our Council – Councillors and Staff" Tab. Remember to follow me on Instagram, maybe even get a "selfie" with me. Look for shire_of_northam_president and use #snaptheprez.

If you're wondering what to do in our Shire over the holiday season, head to either the Northam or Wundowie Pools, or look at the Visit Northam Facebook page for local activities and events

Major Projects Update

The new Aquatic Centre remains on track for a second half of January 2020 official opening. The New Slides look fantastic, and I'm sure that not only children and teenagers, but adults too, are looking forward to enjoying this wonderful facility.

Merry Christmas to all, and Happy New Year
Shire President Chris Antonio



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Operating every Thursday (except public holidays) to assist residents from Wundowie, Bakers Hill and Clackline to access services in Northam.

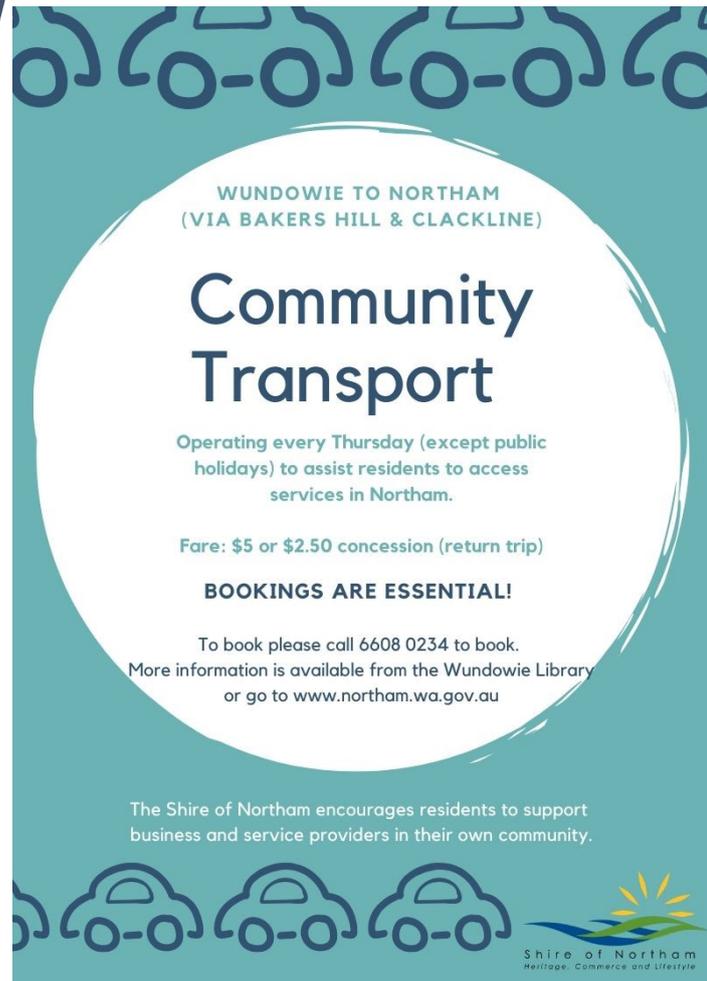
Fare: \$5 or \$2.50 concession for the return trip.

The last day the bus will run this year will be December 19 and will resume again 9 January 2020

Bookings are essential.

Call 6608 0234

[Timetable and further information is available here](#)



WUNDOWIE TO NORTHAM
(VIA BAKERS HILL & CLACKLINE)

Community Transport

Operating every Thursday (except public holidays) to assist residents to access services in Northam.

Fare: \$5 or \$2.50 concession (return trip)

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!

To book please call 6608 0234 to book.
More information is available from the Wundowie Library or go to www.northam.wa.gov.au

The Shire of Northam encourages residents to support business and service providers in their own community.

Shire of Northam
Heritage, Commerce and Lifestyle



Connect to protect your bike

Bikelinc | POWERED BY CRIME STOPPERS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Illustration showing a police officer talking to a man with a dog, and a woman riding a bicycle.

Crime Stoppers WA has developed an online community tool called Bikelinc, to help reduce bike theft in WA. With Christmas just around the corner, all you need to do is create a profile and put your bikes or family bikes onto Bikelinc in case they are lost or stolen <https://bikelinc.com.au/>

The Shire of Northam Councillors and Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe festive season.



Harvest/Vehicle Movement/Hot Works Bans

Please be advised that the Shire of Northam has imposed a Harvest, Vehicle

Movement and Hot Works Bans for the following periods:

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD:

6pm Tuesday 24th December 2019 until 12am Friday 27th December 2019.

NEW YEARS:

6pm Tuesday 31st December 2019 until 12am Thursday 2nd January 2020

AUSTRALIA DAY:

From 12am Saturday 25th January 2020 until 12am Tuesday 28th January 2020.

For more information please refer to the Shire of Northam's website <https://www.northam.wa.gov.au/>

BURNING PERIOD	
OPEN PERIOD 1 MAY – 30 SEPT	BURN PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY NOW
RESTRICTED PERIOD 1 OCT - 30 NOV	PERMIT REQUIRED
PROHIBITED PERIOD 1 DEC – 28 FEB	NO BURNING
RESTRICTED PERIOD 1 MARCH – 30 APRIL	PERMIT REQUIRED

Community Safety Tips

Keep Watch

The Royal Life Saving Society Australia's Keep Watch program aims to reduce the incidence of toddler drowning in the community.

To prevent toddler drowning, the Royal Life Saving Society of WA encourages parents and caregivers to:

- Always keep watch of your child in and around water.
- Supervise children within arm's reach.
- Prevent your child's access to water at all times.
- Teach your child to be water confident.
- Learn CPR and call 000 in an emergency.



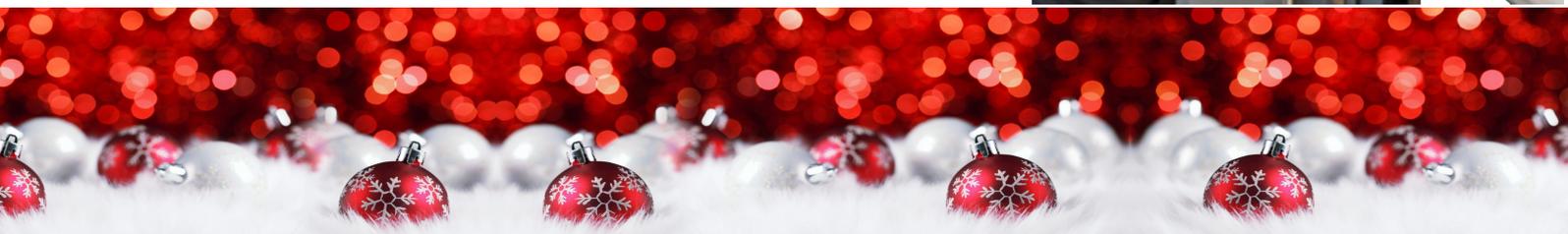
Home Burglary Awareness

Are you aware one of Australia's most common crimes in home burglary?

Thieves target items like televisions and stereos, as well as credit cards, cash, outdoor furniture, tools and computer equipment because they can easily be resold or traded.

The Shire of Northam Community Safety Committee encourages residents to join a local Neighbourhood Watch Group. Neighbourhood Watch is simply neighbours getting to know neighbours, looking out for each other and reporting suspicious activity to Police. That is the smallest investment we ask of anyone that lives in our community.

Visit the WA Police website for a Home Security Checklist <https://www.police.wa.gov.au/Our%20Community/Publications/Protect%20My%20Home>



Don't be alone this Christmas



Community Christmas Day Lunch

10.30am -2.30pm
 Uniting Church,
 103 Duke Street,
 Northam
 RSVP by 15 December for catering purposes
avongems@outlook.com.au

Community Christmas Day Lunch

Christmas is a time for family and the stores have lots of things to buy. But what about if you are going to be on your own this Christmas in Northam? Don't be. Instead join us at the Uniting Church Hall on Duke Street for a Community Christmas Lunch. Share in the preparation on Christmas Eve 10am-3pm and/or Christmas Day Lunch 10.30am-2.30pm. This is part of the Blue Tree Project and is focused on reducing loneliness. It is open to singles, couples and families who may be feeling separated from families or friends.

The lunch is hosted by the Uniting Church with support from the other churches in Northam as well as sponsorship from the Shire of Northam, support from Woolworths and Coles as well as the Lions Club. If you would like to be involved or attend on Christmas Day please contact me at avongems@outlook.com

RSVP for catering purposes by 15 December, limited to 50 people.

Christmas on Fitzgerald

This December, Fitzgerald Street, will be the place to do your Christmas shopping. Northam will be on SALE, with businesses gathering in the CBD to offer a chance to get your hands on some Christmas specials!

Outdoor concert and official switch on of the 2019 Christmas lights

- Regular cash prizes
- Live music
- Lounge area to eat your dinner and enjoy the show
- Markets
- Family fun zone
- Community activities

Food & drinks will be available from all local food outlets during the event

Please note that Fitzgerald Street will be closed to run this event, and that this is an alcohol free event outside of the licensed establishments.

GO FOR CHRISTMAS

This year, Northam is gearing up to bring Christmas to town for one HUGE weekend!

CHRISTMAS ON FITZGERALD- Friday, 13 December
 Fitzgerald Street- from 5pm

- Official switch on of the 2019 Christmas lights
- Rides and water slides for all ages
- Pop-up bar
- Cash giveaways
- Markets & Food
- Live entertainment
- Visit from Santa

NORTHAM COMMUNITY CAROLS- Saturday, 14 December
 Henry Street Oval- From 5pm

- Family fun zone from 5pm
- Community Carols from 7pm
- Food & Drinks available (food sales will support)
- Youthcare chaplaincy in the Avon region)

NORTHAM READY.SET.GO
readyssetgo-northam.com.au
 Visit Northam

ROAD CLOSURES

Please be advised that Fitzgerald Street (between Gordon Street & Grey Street) will be closed from 12pm until the conclusion of this event.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Dodgeball is also coming the this event Dodgeball is coming to Christmas on Fitzgerald Street - Teams of 3 required (dress up encouraged)

For more information and to register please email info@northamchamber.com.au



WHAT'S ON IN NORTHAM

DECEMBER

THURSDAY 05 DEC 2019

Thank you Morning Tea Volunteering WA
Resume Essentials Workshops
Only Girls Apply Night

FRIDAY 06 DEC 2019

Avon Community Services - Boys Program 4PM - 8PM
BBQ Nights Laura's Wine Bar - 4PM-8PM
Link Theatre proudly presents The Roaring 20's
8PM-9PM

SATURDAY 07 DEC 2019

Lions Community Markets - 8AM - 9AM
Bakers Hill Christmas Fair - 4PM - 9PM

WEDNESDAY 11 DEC 2019

Northam Community Workshop - 10AM - 1PM
Council Forum - 5.30PM - 6.30PM

FRIDAY 13 DEC 2019

Christmas on Fitzgerald Street - 5PM-9PM
Go for Dodgeball - Christmas on Fitzgerald

SATURDAY 14 DEC 2019

Christmas Carols - 5PM - 9PM

WEDNESDAY 18 DEC 2019

Ordinary Council Meeting - 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

SATURDAY 21 DEC 2019

Northam Boulevard Community Christmas 11AM - 1PM

WEDNESDAY 25 DEC 2019

Christmas Day Lunch - The Riverside Hotel 10:AM - 3:PM
Christmas Lunch - Grass Valley Tavern 11.30AM-3PM



Visit our website for full details - www.northam.wa.gov.au



Office and Service Closures Christmas and New Year

The Shire of Northam advises that some services will be closed over the Christmas period. Please refer to the timetable below:

	Monday 23 Dec	Tuesday 24 Dec	Wednesday 25 Dec	Thursday 26 Dec	Friday 27 Dec	Saturday 28 Dec	Sunday 29 Dec	Monday 30 Dec	Tuesday 31 Dec	Wednesday 1 Jan	Thursday 2 Jan
Administration	8.30am - 4.30pm	8.30am - 1.00pm	CLOSED	8.30am - 4.30pm							
Works Depot	6.00am - 3.00pm	6.00am - 1.00pm	CLOSED	6.00am - 3.00pm							
Northam Library	9.00am - 5.00pm	9.00am - 1.00pm	CLOSED	9.00am - 5.00pm							
Windoosie Library	CLOSED	9.00am - 1.00pm	CLOSED	9.00am - 5.00pm							
Create298	8.30am - 4.30pm	8.30am - 1.00pm	CLOSED	8.30am - 4.30pm							
Ranger Services	Emergency Call-Out Only										
Visitor Centre	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	9.00am - 4.00pm	CLOSED	9.00am - 4.00pm				
Bilya Koort Boodja	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	9.00am - 4.00pm	CLOSED	9.00am - 4.00pm				
Kilara Respite Centre	CLOSED										
Recreation Centre	CLOSED	8.30am - 5.00pm									
Swimming Pool Northam	9.00am - 7.00pm	9.00am - 5.00pm	CLOSED	12 noon - 7.00pm	9.00am - 7.00pm	12 noon - 7.00pm	12 noon - 7.00pm	9.00am - 7.00pm	9.00am - 5.00pm	CLOSED	9.00am - 7.00pm
Swimming Pool Windoosie	12 noon - 7.00pm	12 noon - 3pm	CLOSED	12 noon - 7.00pm	12 noon - 5.00pm	CLOSED	12 noon - 7.00pm				
Inkpen Road Refuse	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	2.00pm - 5.00pm	2.00pm - 5.00pm	9.00am - 5.00pm	9.00am - 5.00pm	CLOSED	2.00pm - 5.00pm	CLOSED	12 noon - 5.00pm
Old Quarry Road Refuse	8.00am - 5.00pm	8.00am - 5.00pm	CLOSED	8.00am - 5.00pm							

Please note rubbish collection for all residents normally receiving service on Christmas Day will be one day after on Thursday, 26 December 2019.

No changes for rubbish services on New Year's Eve.

Shire of Northam operating hours will return to normal from Thursday, 2 January 2020 however excludes Kilara Respite Centre which will return to normal operating hours on 6 January 2020.

For emergencies please contact 0419 910 319.

Ranger Services can be contacted on (08) 9622 7267 when on call.

The Shire of Northam Councillors and Staff wish you a happy and safe festive season.

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Looking to keep cool this Boxing Day?

Both the Northam and the Wundowie Pools will be open today 12:00noon to 7pm.

Looking for something to do in Northam? The Northam Visitors Centre will be open from tomorrow, 7 days a week (closing only on New Years Day) or head to their Facebook page [Visit Northam](#) keep up with all the latest events.

The [Bilya Koort Boodja](#) Centre will also be open from tomorrow 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Visit our website for full details
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