



April 2018

President's Message

I trust that you've had a safe and enjoyable Easter Break, and for those of you with School Age children that you are looking forward to the April School Holidays.

During April, we commemorate those of us, or our forbearers, who have served our country during either of the two World Wars, or any other number of conflicts. Please take time, particularly during Anzac Day to remember, not only those who have fallen, but also those who returned and need our support.

As we head toward the winter sports season, please remember to celebrate the efforts of a number of our local residents who are representing their chosen sport at state or National Levels. The stories and efforts of these individuals are highlighted in local media channels.

If you are already a local resident, new to the Shire, or thinking of becoming involved, there are a number of ways to check out if one of many community or sporting groups may suit you. Amongst other ways, you can see the staff at the Northam Recreation Centre for sporting links. You could also link up with one of a range of community associations, such as Wundowie Progress, Bakers Hill Progress or Grass Valley Progress Associations to name a few.

The Shire of Northam Community Grant applications for the 2018 / 2019 year remain open. If you think you may be eligible, head to the Shire of Northam website for more details. There are also links to other websites which may be able to assist you with funding for your club or event.

Apart from our sporting heroes, there are also a number of local residents who have excelled academically. We have great educational opportunities in the Shire of Northam, ranging from 3-year old Kindy, 6 primary schools, two senior high schools, and TAFE and Muresk Campus for post schooling educational needs.

What to look out for this month. There are a number of private developments within the Shire Boundaries to keep an eye out for. The Shire of Northam projects include the near completed Bilya Koort Boodja Centre, The King Creek Drainage and Purslowe Park redevelopment and soon to be started projects such as the Youth Precinct and the new pool development.

Keep looking at the Shire of Northam website or Visit Northam Facebook Page to see what local events are coming up. The Shire and Local Community Groups regularly hold events, many of which you might enjoy. The Shire supports many events. An example of a major event during April is the Northam Motorsport Festival.

As part of allowing Councillors to be visible in the community, the Shire is holding the Forum and Ordinary Council meetings throughout the Shire. Meetings were recently held in Bakers Hill, with future ones scheduled for Wundowie and Grass Valley

There is so much activity and development with the Shire of Northam. It's a great Shire to be part of. Your ideas and participation will only make our Shire better.

Take Care

Shire President
Chris Antonio

Community Grants

The Shire of Northam 2018/2019 Community Grants round is open until the 18th of April.

Community Grants are available to non-profit community based organisations, sporting groups and schools that implement a project or an event that is of benefit to the community. The Shire of Northam will favourably view initiatives that clearly demonstrate their benefit to the community, have additional funding partners and have a degree of sustainability.

As well as applying for small non-recurring Community Grants for one-off initiatives, groups can apply for sponsorships, scholarships, donations, prizes or other support and assistance through this program.

Applications can be submitted online or by downloading the relevant forms through the Shire of Northam website. For further information email csadmin@northam.wa.gov.au

Hazard Perception Test

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

Swimming Pool/Spa Safety Barrier Inspections

It's important to ensure your swimming pool, or spa safety barrier, meet the requirements of the Australian Standard AS 1926.1- Fencing for Private Swimming Pools.

The Shire is currently undertaking inspections and seeks your assistance in ensuring your barrier meets the requirements, prior to inspection. Please be reminded that all SPAS have the same barrier requirements as pools, and a hard cover lid does not suffice as an approved barrier.

Checklists and information documents can be downloaded from the Shire of Northam website.

For further information/advice on pool safety please call 9622 6119, or email records@northam.wa.gov.au

Road Closure - Northam Motor Sport Festival

Please be advised that there will be road closures in place during the Northam Motor Sport Festival on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of April 2018.

For a full list and map of road closures, please visit the Shire of Northam website or call 9622 6100.

What's on in April

Saturday 7

Sunday 8

Friday 13

Saturday 14

Saturday 21

Tuesday 24

Wednesday 25

Saturday 28

Monday 30

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

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

Cat Subsidy

Shire of Northam residents have the opportunity to take advantage of subsidies to assist them to meet the requirements of the Cat Act 2011.

Under the Act, from 1 November 2013, all cats over the age of six months are required by law to be: registered with a local government, sterilised (unless used for breeding by a registered breeder) and micro chipped.

The Shire of Northam has partnered with local vets over the past years to assist people to comply with the current law.

Local vets, Bakers Hill Animal Hospital, A Country Practice Vets and Northam Veterinary Clinic are supporting the programme through heavily discounting their usual rates for sterilisation and micro chipping. The discounts have allowed the Shire to offer vouchers toward each newly registered cat. Owners are then required to contribute towards the veterinary costs. These vouchers are for all rate payers within the Shire of Northam, further discounted for concession card holders.

To be eligible, residents need to attend the Shire of Northam Administration Office. They will be provided with a voucher upon completion of a cat registration form. Fees for registration vary depending upon the registration period and whether the owner is eligible for discounted fees.

Shire CEO Jason Whiteaker says "Indiscriminate breeding of cats creates a significant environmental concern. Feral cats decimate wildlife and threaten the biodiversity of our region. We urge all residents with cats not yet registered to get behind this programme, as much for the welfare of their own pets as for that of our wildlife."

The programme will end 30 June 2018 or at such time as the available funds are depleted.