

President's Message

On behalf of the Shire of Northam I would like to wish the community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Christmas is a wonderful time to share with family and friends but it is also a time to take great care, particularly on our roads. Please pay extra attention whilst driving on our roads.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank and acknowledge the work of our many volunteers and volunteer organisations. Of particular note this time of the year are our Bushfire Volunteers – I can say to all the volunteers that the community values your contribution and thanks you for your commitment.

Hopefully by now many of you would have noted that the 'former Fitzgerald Hotel site' has recently received a 'facelift' with new lawn being installed. The owner of the property Mr Stan Malinowski has accessed the Shire of Northam CBD Enhancement Fund to assist fund this work. I am of the view it is a great short term outcome for this area and congratulate Mr Malinowski on his commitment to this work.

Whilst I am on the topic of CBD enhancements, the Shire of Northam Pop Up Shop concept is also coming to fruition. Council has leased the former Roediger Butcher Shop with the view of sub leasing this to business opportunities. We have already attracted SciTech, who will be in the shop mid-January, which will be great for families and hopefully provide a flow on to the business community with more people coming into the CBD.

I was pleased to attend a community forum at the Wundowie Community. The forum is part of the Council commitment to improving its communication with the Community. We received some very good feedback as well as some insights into the particular challenges and concerns of the Wundowie Community.

Library News

Summer Reading Club 1st December – 31st January 2016

The Summer Reading Club has arrived at Northam and Wundowie Library with this year's theme being "Lost Worlds". Children from Pre-Primary to Secondary are invited to get lost in a good book and join the fun to be had in reading. Each child who registers for the Summer Reading Club shall receive a Log Book to record the hours and books they have read, plus an exciting Activity Book chock full of games and puzzles to play during the holidays. All registrations submitted on line go into the draw to win the super prize of an iPod. Join the Summer Reading Club today it's FREE, It's FUN and it's FOR YOU.



Young Adult / Teen Zone

Calling all teenagers - The Young Adult books have been moved to the Teen / Study Zone on the Mezzanine Floor at the Library. Come and enjoy the new area, whether you need to study, do some research or just chill out with a game of chess or a good book.



Books from around the Globe



We have a boutique collection of foreign literature in languages from Afrikaans to Vietnamese and Mediterranean to Eastern European. If you are interested in reading material in a foreign language please have a word with our friendly staff who shall direct you to the Books from around the Globe collection. Should the language of your choice not be on display it may be available through our inter-library loan system.

The staff and volunteers at Northam and Wundowie Library would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Healthy and Safe New Year.

SOCIAL SPORTS TERM 1 2016

Start Date: 1st Feb 2016
Registration packs must be handed into the Northam Recreation Centre by : **16th January 2016**
LATE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
Cost: \$7 per player per game
Equipment hire: \$2 per Floorball stick
Spectator Fee: \$2

Monday
Mixed Floorball
Table Tennis

Wednesday
Mixed Indoor Soccer

Friday
Mixed Touch Rugby

Please Note Table Tennis is individual registrations only

Northam Recreation Centre
44 Peel Terrace Northam PO Box 613 Northam 6401
Ph: 08 9622 5153
Email: snrrec@northam.wa.gov.au

Shire of Northam Photography Competition

Photographer Richard Waldendorp has judged the Shire of Northam Photography Competition and the winning photo was taken by Warren Cummins.

The aim of the Photo competition was to expand our photo library to attract tourists here. There were over 70 entries altogether and we have some lovely photos to use to promote our beautiful part of the world.



Projections on Fitzgerald

Saturday, 12th December marked the switch on of the 2015 Projections on Fitzgerald as part of the Christmas on Fitzgerald event. Approximately 1000 people came through the event during the day, and the switch on of the projections saw around 300 attendees. Projections are provided by VJZoo- a Perth based company.

Projections and Christmas music will be running nightly until the 25th from 7-10pm. Kat and Jasper love talking to people about what they do, so stop by and have a chat!

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 days:

CHRISTMAS DAY:	Friday 25 December 2015
BOXING DAY:	Saturday 26 December 2015
PUBLIC HOLIDAY:	Monday 28 December 2015
NEW YEARS DAY:	Friday 1 January 2016

If you have any queries in relation to this information, please contact the Shire of Northam.

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Movies by Twilight 2016

FREE Family Events!

SOUND OF MUSIC (G)
WUNDOWIE OVAL- 7PM
SATURDAY, 16 JANUARY 2016
The more you see it, the more it becomes one of your favorite things!

TOY STORY (G)
BAKERS HILL OVAL- 7PM
FRIDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2016
Hang on for the comedy that goes to infinity and beyond!

THE LION KING (G)
BERNARD PARK, NORTHAM- 7PM
FRIDAY, 4 MARCH 2016
The greatest adventure of all is finding our place in the circle of life.

Prepare your picnic, grab the family, and head on down to your local twilight movie for a fantastic night of fun!
Food & Refreshments will also be available.

Enquiries to: P: 9622 8309 | M: 0400 950 853 | E: events@northam.wa.gov.au
For updates on these events, (in case of changes/cancellations etc) please check the Visit Northam Facebook Page.